very sorry
write this year.
Will try and
write Mamie
and Mr Butler
soon
Affectionately
Your
Eddie

244 Lenox Ave
New York, N.Y. Nov. 15, 1880.

My Dear Aunt Anna.—

Your letter of Friday, and finished later came to me today.- this evening, as have one or two others since I have written. I have neglected you, but not forgotten you by any means. I have had a good many yearnings to write to you, but have been hindered from one or two reasons I have been extremely busy; and besides, for a good many days, I have been without paper, and without money to buy any; but on this latter financial point- I have been fortunately relieved. Hopkins had no paper either or very little, so we were in something of a strait. You will pardon the color of this sheet,- it is all I happen to have around me at this present moment though, I might give you a better sheet if I should take the time to go out after it.

Did I tell you that Mrs. Jones told me the first time I called on her, the morning of my arrival, that she would give me a hundred

dollars. I think I never told you. As soon as she learned of my intention of studying for the ministry, she offered it in her decisive, matter of fact way, as though it were a matter of business, or a matter for which she took no credit to herself. She has given me $20 of it and will give the rest later. Besides that, I have the Board money, and rather will have it for the first installment has not come yet. Then I have Sunday School work which will bring me in a hundred dollars. So you see I shall be able to get along nicely.

I will not take time to write much of a letter now. I would like to devote the evening to letter writing but cannot, for I have a good deal of work to do for tomorrow. So I will close with this little. I will take a few minutes to write to Aunt Jennie before I go to my books. She wrote me a nice little letter the other day, which I may as well enclose in this.

We are having nice weather here too, though it was pretty rainy last week some of the time. My time is fully occupied. I have to hurry away from my classes here at half past ten to get to the Eleven o'clock lecture at the Seminary. I go at the close of that and get a lunch on third Ave. I can get a good lunch for ten cents. Then I study in the Library of the Seminary till the three o'clock lecture, then am in class till five, after which there are chapel exercises of ten or fifteen minutes. After that I hurry away and walk up (about three miles) to dinner at six. I ride down in the morning. Remember me to Mr. Middleton. Tell Mr. Jones I hope he will not have a

Alpe, Kans. Dec. 29" 1888

Dear Aunt Anna,

Your letter is before me dated Nov. 19" and I am sorry I have not answered it before. I have been very busy with my studies and have not found much time to write.

I came home a week ago yesterday and College begins again Jan. 7" which gives me two weeks to rest. Ever since I came home I have had a cold and have had to stay in-doors most of the time. We have had very little winter so far. There is now snow enough on the ground for very fair sleighing. Chas. has been skating several times on the creek.

I like College very much and we four have considerable fun together. You ask which of us ~~[illegible]~~ is the best cook. It is hard to tell but they all are better than I am. I think that essay that you referred to is destroyed. We have meetings of the society every Friday evening at the College and I have debated once and am on the program for two weeks from last night for a declamation.

I have the following studies:— Greek, Latin, English, Algebra, Biblical, and Drawing.

I have Greek and Latin each five times a week Algebra 4 times English twice and, Biblical and Drawing each once a week.

I do not come home very often and when I do I always go back on Saturday and so do not get to

attend church here.
I have taken my letter from Edmondaro (where Papa & Mama are members) and handed it in at the Arundel Ave. Presby church of Emporia Kansas.
I ~~have~~ received a letter from John Eddie about the first of Dec. which I will try and answer as soon as possible.
I do not hear from Dwight or Irving now at all. Dwight owes me a letter and I don't know wether he intends to write or not.
I hear from some of the Juniquite often.
You will please excuse poor letter writing as I have not the best place to write. I will be obliged to draw my letter to a close, with love to all and a Merry ~~Xmas~~ & Happy New Years. I remain Yours truly
G. C. Everett

744 Lenox Ave

New York March 23, 1889.

My Dear Aunt Anna:—

I was so sorry to hear that you have not been so well lately that I wanted to go right home to see you.

I have been meaning to write all the week. but have been quite busy with one thing and another. I have not time to write now as the breakfast bell will ring in a very few minutes. I hope you are much better by this time.

I called on Mrs. Twombly one evening last week. I had not called before since early in the fall. I had a very pleasant evening, for I guess I stayed till nearly ten o'clock. Miss Alice and her mother were there. They are going to break up housekeeping in a little over a month. I will see about Aunt Mary's things. Some often I can make good use of at the Seminary. — Well, the bell

has just news and I will close. My health has been pretty good.

A week ago Sunday I preached at Bellmore, Long Island, about 26 miles out. I am still looking around for something for the summer, but have nothing definitely in view yet.

I hope this may get to you tonight.

Affectionately

Jr. E. L.

214 Lenox Ave. New York
Apr. 2, 1889.

My Dear Aunt Anna:—

It looks very much I am sure as though I had forgotten you, but I have not. I do not think of any real good excuse for not writing this long time; but I have been busy some times and perhaps negligent ~~oftener~~ — The latter is the more truthful excuse I guess. For I have not been working so hard lately as I did ~~the~~ first of the year. I have not been pushed quite so hard with work.

Our examinations at the Seminary begin in a month, a month from yesterday and last four days. The school will go on another month. — I will not be here another year. I have informed the Perrins to that effect, or rather Hopkins did; for he was speaking about himself and spoke about me at the same time. He will not stay either. — I shall be able to get along I am sure next year. If I have to teach, it will be better

for me to tutor a little; but I do not think I shall need to.

I said I went to Belmore, Long Island to preach one Sunday. I only got my expenses. One of the Seniors has had the place for more than a year, but does not ~~otts~~ always go out himself. He leaves anyway this Spring and he sent out a number of fellows at different times, so that the people might pick out one for the Summer. I heard that he was going to leave a place which would need a man for the summer, and I spoke to him; - that is how I went there. The choice finally lay between myself and another man, and the other man got the majority of votes. - The pay there would have been about nine dollars a week and board. This other man, is not going there however; the Board has recommended a man, who will be permanent, which of course will be much better for them.

I have made advances, too, with a view to securing another place. A chapel which is connected with the Church, whose S.S. I am with

now employs a man in the Summer, to do Sunday School work, a part of the season, and to preach for two months, or so while the regular pastor is having a vacation. The man who was there last Summer, has been working in that S. S. this year, as indeed he did last year too. He is going West this summer to do Mission work in Texas. He has promised to suggest my name if he has an opportunity. He presumes he will be asked to suggest some names, as they will expect to secure a Seminary man. There is a vacation of three weeks. I believe with the place. The compensation is $200. for the Summer. That is not so much as it seems, as board & room will eat up about a half of it. — I am not at all sure of getting the place to be sure, but if it fails me, I think there will be other opportunities. It seems to me that I ought to try to get something to do this summer.

You ask about my health. It has been good. Perhaps I spoke as I did in my letter, because I was sick one day a month or six weeks ago. It was on my birthday. My bowels troubled

me for a day or two, and on that day I was real sick, and had to keep my bed all morning. A week ago and for a few days previous I had a very severe cold. but I have recovered, and am all right now.

I send five dollars to reimburse you in part for what you paid to Smith, in settling that book-bill. I happen to have some of that I do not need just now, and I hope to send you the rest of it before the summer comes. I ordered a pair of pantaloons the other day, & expect to get them to night or tomorrow. I am to pay seven dollars for them. Give my kindest regards to Mrs Huddleston.

Yours Affectionately

J. Eddie

Osawatomie, Sept. 20, 1890.

Dear Anna, —

John Eddie left us yesterday after supper. The boys took him down, and he had also for company, Longo, Earl and Johnny Reynolds, a merry load six in all! There was a show in town, a man exhibiting Wizard oil and the rest went — three, Earl & Johnny went to see some old works — Their father & another were there too. J. Eddie expected to start about midnight and reach Anthony about 10 a.m. today. The boys left him at the depot. It was a pretty cool night — and I wanted him to take a shawl to throw over him in the night — as he did not intend taking a sleeper, but the thought his overcoat would be all sufficient — Mary agreed with him. It was a lovely clear night — with good sized moon — and today is

is what you might call an ideal day. We have a heavy force of workmen, Mr. Reynolds, Earl and John in the cornfield, Mike and German carrying hay. If Eddie had started Thursday instead of Friday it would have been a sorry ride for him to town for there was one of those pouring rains of which we have had this fall - something like that. Mary and John heard one evening coming from town. Jo E. had just got in on his return from the P.O. when the storm burst. He was alone on horseback and we were beginning to be uneasy about him. We were just ready to sit down to table and the boys both went to take his horse and get through before the rain. John was in the milk room skimming and straining - he was a pretty wet man when he hurried in after finishing. He put the milk pails out in the yard just as they were and in the morning when I

washed them I was surprised to find
how much water they had caught - When
I got into bed I landed in a small pool
of water - We got up, lit the lamp, pulled
the bed out and Mary changed places
with me because I coughed and she
was fearful I might get wet - We had
not noticed the water dripping on the bed.
We did not get any more of it - and slept
nicely. - Yesterday p.m. I went over to
Mrs. R's for a bouquet for Eddie - She
had invited me to do so the day before
when she drove into the yard. It was very
pretty and he carried it in his trunk -
I cannot begin to tell you the many
varieties it contained - zinnia, dahlia,
lighted cigar - geraniums &c &c. The cypress
vine everlasting I kept to dry and send by
and by with his clothes that Mary & I failed
to put in order for him. - Mary worked hard
putting on fresh buttons on his coat
and vest till just as he started. I

put up his lunch - and a very large one
on a Quaker brand of oat meal bag. Mary
wants to know if you have got coal and
if you flannels. You see she thinks of you
while rambles on about things here!

I must close as they are just ready to
go. Much love from all - J. E.

P.S. - Is cousin Jennie with you yet. Is Nain with Jane?
How is she? Has Clara changed much. Did
you see Maggie when she was home last? Is
she looking well? How was cousin Alex
when you heard last? I will try to
write to them soon -

E. E.

Patterson House.

F. A. Patterson, Prop.

Harper, Kansas, November 29, 1890.

My Dear Aunt Anna:—

I heard from you yesterday and a day or two before that as well. I am glad to hear from you so often. I am sure you are nicely situated there. I remember the room well. Give my kindest regards to Cousin Lucy and all the family.

I took Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Patterson, at Anthony. She is one of our members. She is about as much at home in Harper as in Anthony. She is the wife of the brother of my Hotel proprietor of Harper. Her husband is really a Harper man, but they are living in Anthony now as he is the County Clerk, and Anthony is the County Seat. He was away on business, but there were other company.

We had a delightful Thanksgiving day, as far as the weather went. It was warm and balmy. With an overcoat it was just nice sitting out doors. and it would not have been uncomfortable without one even,— We had a nice service, good music, good audience, flowers &c. I did not try to preach a profound national sermon, but a practical sermon on

gratitude.

There is a convention in Anthony ~~took~~ held in the interest of the G.M.C.A. today & tomorrow. I will be there most of today, but cannot be there tomorrow as I exchange with another man and go to Crisfield.

I must close!

Affectionately

Eddie

the end might be hastened. The clouds have gathered heavily about her, and if they can be cleared away only when she arrives at the clear realms of a new day.

Anthony, Kansas. May 18, 1891.

My Dear Aunt Anna:—

I received another letter from you yesterday, on my return to Harper. I am glad you are giving the matter of coming West "serious consideration".

The possible event which you suggest of Aunt Mary having to go East I had not considered in its relation to your coming West, when I wrote, though I thought of it, afterwards. And of course I have nothing to say in regard to your wishing to be East then. That is a matter we cannot tell anything about but under the circumstances, and with its certainty, almost

Give my love to Aunt Jane and Clara. Sarah has not left us still with them. Remember me to them.

Yours Affectionately

E. E. Edie.

in the near future, it seems right and proper for us to consider it in making our plans.

In regard to your coming first alone, - I have nothing to say either. Would you feel that you could attempt the journey without Company?

Has Aunt Mary written you that I paid them a visit last week. I did not have much of an idea how badly off Aunt Jennie was until last Monday (a week ago today) when I got a letter stating her condition much more fully than any before. Realizing suddenly how low she is I determined to go up there for a day. I felt I could do no good, but being here in the State I thought it right for me to go to see her again. (You see the distance. It is 275 or

230 miles. The distance from New York to Utica is 247.)
So I went Monday afternoon starting at 2.45 and reaching Oswatomie a little after daylight Tuesday morning. I got breakfast in town, and then walked over to the farm. I started back, that night, reaching here 10.10 Wednesday Morning.

Aunt Jennie knew me, and seemed perhaps glad to see me, tho after the first ~~she~~ greeting she seemed not to consider that I had not been there all the time. She did not mention ~~it~~ anything which indicated that she thought I had been away anywhere. Indeed she did not say very much at all except to call for something, which she did very often when awake and almost incessantly some of the time. She seems to

be in a good deal of distress when awake, tho she is so delirious and irrational that it is hard to tell whether she has much really conscious suffering. When I came to bid her good bye. She simply said "Are you going way off again?" and she pressed my hand, thus showing that she had some appreciation of my visit. But I stayed in the room sometime after that, and she did not say anything more, nor speak to me again.

She seems to me to have a good deal of vitality yet, and unless a change comes I should not expect her to drop away just yet. But I suppose such a change is likely to come anytime. Indeed I think we ought all hope and pray that she be relieved from her distress speedily. I could only wish as I watched her, that

Merrill, Mich
Oct. 29, 1894.

My Dear Aunt Anna: —

I was sorry to hear that Aunt Mary was worse Thursday. We hope it was but temporary, and that she has been better since then. It seems to take a long time to get word back and forth between there and here; so that if after last Thursday there has been time for great changes. We hope there has been a great change and for the better.

Ella is pretty nearly sick. She has felt poorly since Saturday. She is around, but is far from well. She has some feelings like the grip, with great nervousness.

I am not sure that she has been quite so well since the night of the surprise. We appreciate that event very much. We feel that our friends were very kind. The silver ware is very nice, and the chair too. Baby went to church yesterday, and behaved himself very well, for him. The weather is beautiful here now. I am going to take Ella for a ride this morning to see if it will not do her good on this nice autumn morning.

We hope to hear from you again today or tomorrow.

I think you ought to try to get as much as you can, so that you can get along as easily as possible.

With love from all

J. E. Reese

Cannon Falls, Minn
May 28, 1927. Saturday morning

Dear Helen and Mary

I wonder how you are - there at the hospital and at 311 3rd St. Southwest this morning. It is still cool and there is appearance of more rain today.

Yesterday afternoon it and Berg, the piano-tuner, brought a fish around. I told Mrs. Valentine I would like to know if somewhere there was an especially tempting fish; she said she liked fish; so she said she would cook it for supper and I should come over. It was a good and tasty fish. I had made two meals with Mr Valentines yesterday.

I understand Mr Mary Curran is home. I started over to call on the Clifford's, but today after dinner, I changed my mind and did not go. I went to see Mrs. Olson. Could about music for Sunday, as I am likely to have a good congregation with

Ellis announced as the speaker. He was in the City so I did not see him. I called him up in the evening, and he said he would try to have a Room for Mrs. C. He never will be away and Mrs. S.L.C. has company so Mrs. Grace said. But perhaps the waiter's Cake will be better than Annie's cake, surely Mrs. S.L.C will do her part.

I saw the ad. Moor and very glad of the chair last night. I believe I will not present the others this Monday; but I can tell better after the best way will be tonight.

The tea man came yesterday when I was out. I will certainly see him today.

Jay wrote Swedenborg, Utah, said she had a similar vocation to yours, with a vocal accent etc.

Mary, how are you feeling? This week adds a new twist to your experience. I hope I shall hear from you this morning so as can hear how your mother is getting along. Give those Kansas folks all the news you have. It would have been better if you had taken quarters near the hospital.

Love. Julia.

Monday 12:40 pm
April 8, 1912
Around Sparta, Wis.

Dear Helen! —

We have been out of Lacrosse about 40 minutes. At that place the train stopped 10 minutes & I got out and got a lunch. I afterwards ate a banana, — It is turning out a fine day. I see by a paper that there was a bad storm around Milwaukee last night about 6 and 7 o'clock.

Since leaving Wabasha I have had a seat all to myself. But, the coach seems to be filling & I probably will not have this good luck long.

I think you are not troubled today with the house being chilly.

I had a pleasant drive with Mr. Englebart this morning. He took me first to the depot that I might make sure of the time of the train leaving. Then we drove uptown, as I wanted to get toothpaste, also collars. Then he drove me back to the depot. My fare was $8.62. The regular fare is $12.93 or something like that.

The train time was 9:30, fifteen minutes later than my old Time table said. But we got there at about 8:30.

The time for arrival is 7:30 tonight.

I am glad I have the young people's meeting provided for though I realize that Alonzo may not agree to my plan.

I hope you will get along well while I am away and be able not to be too busy. – I will write you two or three times more. –

With love

J. E.

Mrs. Helen Everett
Comm Falls
Minnesota

PALMER HOUSE

CHICAGO

Mr. J. E. Everett.

Cannon Falls

Minn.

PALMER HOUSE

CHICAGO

April 10, 1929
Wednesday

Dear Helen

It is now about 10 o'clock in the morning - we are in the room. After breakfasting, Roberts had an interview with a reporter + has been showing me various appointments for the day. I seem to have the rest of the pretty full myself - in both other places he is going + men who are under appointment to meet him here.

I am going out with him when he gets these matters arranged.

By the way, it will be better for you not to talk about the Roberts City matter as it may have to be postponed for a year on account of lack of time. Miss Frazer

With love

J. E.

Clinton, N.Y. Sept. 18, 1884.

Dear Aunt Jennie;

I failed to get around to the bank this afternoon before four o'clock, and so did not deliver that note or make any inquiries in regard to the matter. I will send the note, however, by the mail which takes this, together with an explanation or statement of the fact that I failed to call on them yesterday. I hope you have found the book by this time. I did not go to Cousin Mary's. Has Frankie had her Autograph Album yet? I will write again longer, soon, if I can find anything to say.

With Love all around

Your Nephew

F. E. Everett.

Clinton, N.Y. Sept 19, 1884

Dear Aunt Jennie

The enclosed letter from the Bank I received this evening. I presume you have heard from there as well.

All is passing off pleasantly. I think it will not be hard to catch up in my lessons; that is as far as the outside work is concerned: the recitations that I missed are a loss I suppose.

I have not delivered the packages to the young lady at Florence Sem. yet but intend to do so tomorrow afternoon (Wednesday and Saturday afternoons we have no recitations). There was a wedding in town

last evening. The daughter of Prof. Theodore Dwight Prof. Dwight's home is in Clinton but he is the Law-professor in Columbia College. They are related to Mr Avery.

Yours Nephew Wickham
J. E. Everett.

Mr. Lincoln
Executive Mansion
Washington
D.C.

My dear Sir,

I have at hands letters from Mr. Clay and Mr. Crittenden, and from many other gentlemen of Kentucky, urging the claims of Mr. Wickliffe to the office of Postmaster at Louisville. Mr. Wickliffe is a gentleman of high character, and of great influence in Kentucky, and I hope you will find it consistent with your duty to appoint him.

Yours truly

I'm sending you a little Easter token of thanks for all the trouble & attention you've given me. I'm afraid it would not be of much interest to you since you are not interested in knowing that Ayer and Eldridge "bucked" in "Math." today, or that Prof Jack caught a nice cat fish this morning, or that Jim Miller threw a rubber at the President's head the other morning or that Kavanagh has secret visits from a girl who smuggles in her room during recitation and that I have to tell the Professor that he has had a telegraph dispatch suddenly calling him to Rome. These things of course may very easily furnish themes for conversation for us, but you know to appreciate good fun you must know something of the parties talked about.

Last evening the Commencement

service was held in the College Church. One man united with the church by profession of faith and three baptized by Chr. - Students of course, all of them.

I have decided to try and write a prize essay. The subject was given out last term you remember - two subjects in fact, to choose from, The Historical Associations of New Orleans, and Earthquakes. I have chosen Earthquakes. I ought to have begun to read up on it long ago, but I had rather make up my mind that I had nothing. But I have finally decided to take what time I can and do the best I can under the circumstances, I cannot possibly take the prize, as there are men who have been reading

and thinking on the subject
for a long time. I have only a
little over two weeks before it
must be handed in. It is to
contain not over [illegible]
I am writing it, not for the prize,
but for my own sake. I would
always regret if I am afraid if
I did not try because I have had
time enough all the term if I had
only economized it. I think that
when I have a good deal of work
to do, I can do a good deal, not
always satisfactorily, but I am
quite an art to do it satisfactorily
and when I have plenty of time I
am not touched.

Give my love to Elsie & [illegible]
all the rest. I guess I'll write a little

more while I'm about it. — I have three recitations a day except Wednesday and Saturday and on those days we are obliged to attend Mathematical exercises in the chapel which takes more time, or at least as much, as a recitation, but requires no preparation of course, except when it is one's turn to take part. On Thursday we have only two recitations to prepare for; one recitation that day is Essay reading.

We are having fine Weather (is it spelled right? I am much more familiar with it in the original French) for this time of year. Mathematics first hour.

Mandeville's Reading and Oratory
Lily Brown. Mandeville comes only
the last three or four weeks of the
term; before that we had Lyon,
Brown. The scheme to
have Livy [illegible] from
Mandeville and Brown. The
common Hamilton College
pronunciation for the word Mandeville may be ascertained by
spelling out the E from the middle
and the LE from the end. Although
state however, that Lyon, or Brown,
one exception to the general rule
that all the students [illegible] make this
pronunciation. There is plenty
enough on the hill to fill a dictionary; and one hears at first
that he needs a dictionary to learn
the meaning of it all. But the
Lyon "gets on to it" "you bet", and is
able to "size it up" for himself.

Anthony, Kansas.
November 11, 1890.

My Dear Aunt Jennie: —

I was thinking it was about time to get another Osawatomie letter when I received yours today which seems to be dated Nov 1st — though perhaps it is the 9th?

I will be glad to go with Father to Kansas City, anytime he may think he is ready to go. — at least, so far as I can tell now. — I write this again because it has just occurred to me that I said in my letter mailed this morning that I feared I would not be able to visit Osawatomie until after Christmas. But when he wants to go to Kansas City I want to go with him. —

I had a nice ride into the country seven miles today and called on three families. I found a

getting a horse, indefinitely. I believe it will be cheaper to hire a horse when I want one, than to keep one. Feed is so high, that it would cost a good deal I am afraid. — I can write you in a couple of days how I get along at the wedding. The third wedding that I spoke of which might fall to me, will probably go to some one else, as I learned today that the young lady is a member of another church, though her Father belongs to our church.

Affectionately

John Edward Exeter

Patterson House.

F. A. Patterson, Prop.

Harper, Kansas, Nov 17 1894

My dear Aunt Jennie:—

On my return to Harper Saturday I found your letter or Aunt Mary's with Robbie's letters which you copied. Thank you for copying them. They interested me more than I can tell you. I am sorry Robbie is so hard pressed. But better times will dawn for him, I am sure, because he is an honest man with industrious habits and keenness & knowledge of general affairs sufficient to make him a good competitor in the worlds great strife.

I want you to pay me a visit after awhile, when I get ahead a little in my financial matters. I have a pleasant boarding place at Anthony and I think you would enjoy it. It would be pleasant for me, and a nice change and rest for you.

Last night I preached in

perils and
the needs of young men,
I preached the same sermon
at Auburn the previous
week, and I think the
people were generally
pleased at both places,
I propose to preach to
young people sometimes,
Once a month or so.

As Ever

Affectionately

John Edward Everett

Sedan, Kansas.

July 25, 1870

My dear Aunt M. -

I received your letter
last week, but I am not sure whether I wrote
to you last week or not. I
believe not, however; so I will
make sure of writing this week.
Lately, I have had so much
company that I have not
known what to do with it.

I preached at Elk City yesterday
morning, and started here for
the evening. Elk City is in the
County East of here. Montgomery.
I am invited to preach at
the Methodist Church at
Coffeyville, from Sedan (Cowley)

me of Sunday. Sorry on [illegible]
were that I had my horses, I
dislike to leave my [illegible] here
the Sundays [illegible]
However, if the people that
ought to go I shall go of course,
I should like to see them: it
would be very pleasant. But
I should have to be away
all day.

In regard to your precautions
[illegible] suggestions about my calling
among the church people, I will say
that I did call on them all, and
sometimes, to, on the parents of
the other children. Since the family
who live out of town stay to go
and see me in the weeks of great
excitement there.

I do not know where you are
[illegible] it, and should regret [illegible] letter

there are many questions to answer
in each. I suppose there were
queries as to my health too. I
have been well all summer,
every day. Have not had a cold,
nor an ache nor a pain. Sam
says I was pretty lazy when the weather
was hot, but it affected me
more seriously than to make me
uncomfortable, and make my head
hill a little higher. That I had
never been willing like it before.
The thermometer was up above
hundred every afternoon for
for more than a month. I suppose
pose it made some difference. But
last week it was quite comfortable
I am sorry to learn that Will
Thayer is not well. Hope he
will soon be all right.
We have moved from the Kinsman

House. Mr. Bryan rented the building, & the owner wanted to lease it & keep the hotel. Mr. Bryan has taken another house, & his boarders have followed him, however.

The room I have now is larger than the one I had at the Mansion House. But it has no south window. At the Mansion House when I went down, I chose a North West Corner room, because I thought it would be cooler in the morning when I wanted to be in my room mostly. Mrs. B. told me I would do better to take the South East room which was vacant too. But I thought I knew my business, she said I could change anytime while the other room was vacant. After a few weeks I found that I had made a mistake, & changed, & got into a room there with South & East windows, & the difference was more than perceptible as you may

hill engaged.

Last Thursday ~~route~~ out with the Bethel Ministers & a picnic about ten miles, west from here. A Sunday school picnic. It was near the Presidents home. He and the Methodist Minister from Nauvoo & myself made addresses. & the children did the singing. It was very pleasant affair, all around. I suppose I did not do myself any sort of credit, as I had no time to prepare anything, & am not very good always to get up a thing on the spur of the moment; because it all depends so much on the moment. One moment, one audience of ideas than others.

The Baptist minister is a very likable man, at least he is, to me. The methods of Mormonism, he says, sounds well. Mr. Bryan, I have been sick a good deal. I do not feel very well

acquainted with him. He is not one with whom I am likely to feel very much at home any way, — or I am not the one to make him feel at home, perhaps. Our ideas of things do not seem to have very much in common. I am hoping to see Uncle Eddie in two or three weeks. I do not know just yet.

The County Normal begins here today & will be in session for four weeks.

Have you heard from Hattie Cahill. Holden's health has not been good this season. He has been obliged to leave his place & go to Northern Michigan, where the climate is likely to be more

healthy. He will have a perfect
time here. He is not
strong enough. But this,
he can not make with a good
deal of the time.

There has an enclosed
package been opened in Sedan
last week.

Did I not tell you of my trip
with the Indian Fighting? We camped
out three nights; one on the way
down, one at the Village Agency, &
one on the way back. It was a
delightful trip. I got me a splendid
stick, & discarded coat & vest. We
went in for having a general
good time, and had it.
The Indians in the Village, tho',
thought I suppose they were all
there but, and I — the greatest,
fragment town. I dog-trot

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most of them could dress
with four light colored blankets,
He had a picture taken of one
boat, - but the photographer (who
was down from Sitka) had not
finished them up at the latest
account. It was taken by one
of those "camera" that take
instantaneously, & have a great
many plates, in & at a time, which
are not taken out till they have all
been made use of. So he could
not tell till he got home whether
it would be a good picture. He
told me after he developed it that
the negative seemed to be good, but
he has not printed yet. Hope
it will turn out well.
Shall I hear from you
this week? If so send
your letter to Unalaska.
Love & kisses
Affectionately
Eddie.

[illegible] September 15.
Dinner on that
will come at
two or a
Reception
the evening
until
Yours
Sincerely
Salvation
My dear Aunt Mary:

Your letter to Father of June 25, came today. He has given it to us to read. He will doubtless answer it himself. I want to write a word however, to thank you for writing as you did. The letter was very good indeed. Kind and yet to the point, not spoiled and enfeebled by its kindness, as I sometimes feel that my letters on this same subject will have. Yet I have spoken plainly with him, too. Your letter is just what I had hoped someone would write him. I had thought of suggesting it to you, to Emma Mary, but decided to

write him a plain letter of advice
but I have not, because I did not
like to do anything which could
seem like cunning. Your
letter is gentle and persuasive
and yet very plain spoken and full of sound argument
here he will be influenced by it
He is no doubt absorbingly attached
to the farm, but I am afraid of
us as one who loves not wisely but too
well. ——— We have been greatly
perplexed. And I came what down
cast at the prospect since coming
here. During the last few days
we have felt more hopeful, because
we have decided that to get on the farm
if it is to be avoided, but we have
still been greatly puzzled to know how
father is to be persuaded to leave the
farm himself. or if that should
prove ineffectual, to devise some

way of getting a trusty family there with whom he might in some useful like making his home. Your letter may not help in this matter at all, but we hope it will. Father has not expressed himself about it as yet.

We were glad to get Aunt Emma's letter to. It made all together a full budget. We have not taken our letter from the Norwell Church yet. When we do we will ask for you as to what was stated before. You were not here, you were before we left, Wm. H. Whitney is the Church Clerk.

I recognized the little Chester Aunt Hibbert, the moment I set my eyes on it. I am under the impression that Aunt Emma

of it for me. Robert has already broken off the end of his tail that had the whistle in it - the rascal that couldn't go.

Mrs. makes my second letter Kennedy tarts, which I hope may both arrive for breakfast tomorrow.

May & Mr. Hughes and her Mother called this afternoon. Robert's baby is sick too, with a good deal of the same trouble that Robert has. ——

Love to aunts. I will write you a few words to-morrow. Robert is just a little better but he is very sick yet. Dolobie is coming down & dined to-day to see him. Father is doing her. Baby has the little pink dress you sent him on & he looks so sweet. He sent Bessie No. 3 book to-day. Bessie is both pleased with the dress for herself & the book for Robert & Ben.

Osawatomie. Ks Aug 14 96

My dear Aunt Mary! —

I am sorry I have not written you since the first letter telling of Father's death I have been very busy. having had to go to Paola Tuesday Wed. & Thurs. Uncle Edward came Sunday morning. Also Elda, Zaidee & Robert, Howard having come to with us Friday.

Father was buried on the hill beside the rest of the family. Father Adair preached. Mr Robert assisting. The services were at the house & there was a good attendance.

Uncle Edward went back

Wednesday. We were very glad to have him with us. Robert was sick with malaria and could not go to the funeral. He has been still worse since, & has had the doctor.

We are staying at the farm of course. We will be here through this month, anyway. We plan having a sale as soon as possible of the personal property. I was appointed administrator Wednesday. The personal property was appraised today, by Horace Norwood, Elias Snyder and H G Dabbs. The appraised valuation ~~and~~ is $761.47. This does not mean that the effects will sell for that amount. It may be more; it may be less. We think we will have an auction

in about three weeks. We can
hardly get ready for it before that
time.

I have to go to town and it
will be evening before long; so I
must close. I will try to
write soon again.

With love from us all
Your Nephew
E. Leverett

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My Dear Aunt Mary:

I send you herewith check for one hundred thirty-eight—dollars and eighty-four cents. ($138.84.) Which I have figured out to be the interest due you to Aug 21, the date of your sworn statement. Am I right in the amount? Please send me the enclosed receipt signed.

We are on our way back to Kiowa. We have pretty well finished our work for the present. We have rented the place to George Williams. I do not know that you knew him, though perhaps you might have. I never did till last Summer. He has secured the rent by four notes, $75 a quarter—payable the first of June Sept. Dec. and March. He moves in however immediately. Indeed he has been moving since Monday.

We are all as well as usual. I must

not take time to write much now,
We are in Kansas City—to do some
shopping before going back to Kiowa

With love to all,

Your Nephew

J. E. Everett

Kiowa, Kan. Feb 15, 1898.

Dear Aunt Mary! —

I send you herein draft for forty five dollars + sixty eight cents ($45\frac{68}{100}$) interest to Feb 21. I have figured correctly. I hope in the course of a few months to be able to pay $200 or perhaps $300 on the principle.

We are having nice weather now. It is warm enough for Ella to receive visitors in the parlor with the windows open and with no fire in the room. But we do have fire in the house. Ed will have some cold spells yet, no doubt.

We are about as usual in health, except that Ella has been

quite a little more work for
about ten days. We expect
a girl this ~~week~~ week. We have
been waiting and looking for one
for so long that we hope she will
be a consistent help: but we
know nothing of her.

Roberts is always glad to
receive the little paper that
comes with the Homecraft.

We were amused at the "Yi Yis"
Charlie must be quite a
"humorist" in the flat.

Hope you are well. I will
close now as I am pretty
busy this evening.

With love

E. Everett

1890's

Aunt Mary. —

I want to know how — Father's account with yr — stands. How much interest is due? What notes have you? — I do not know the amounts. — I could find out the amounts of those accompanied by mortgages at Paola, I suppose, but I do not know whether there are others not secured. Please let me know how the matter stands. — I cannot pay the interest before the Sale, but hope to be able to do so then. I certainly believe that I can —

Another thing. ~~XX~~ Shall a part of the encumbrance may be paid off. I presume I will be in duty bound to pay off what I can. ~~How~~ Have you notes matured all of them? I presume the last have. Also if the place must still remain encumbered, or if that seems advisable, do you care to secure a part of what you have here, on a new mortgage? I cannot foresee of the form to make a settlement with the heirs — nor make a settlement until the end of three years, — unless a special agreement should be made, & perhaps not then. ~~Then~~

I believe father's debts, with the [illegible]

two thousand dollars. No news at present.

Yours

J. H. P.

I am writing in haste & not as carefully as I would like.

GENERAL OFFICE

The Kansas State Temperance Union.

703 JACKSON STREET, TOPEKA.

Make all money orders payable to "State Temperance Union."

Topeka, Kansas, May 23, 1903.

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

I was very glad yesterday to get your letters of the 20th. I am glad to have you write as you do. We need your advice and encouragement. We are somewhat perplexed about the future, but are trying not to worry about it. We hope, as you say, that it will come about that we may accomplish a change of field gracefully. I have communicated my desire to change to Mr. Thayer our State Superintendent who acts as a sort of bureau to bring ministers and churches together in the state. As to whether we shall go back East or remain here we can say nothing definite as yet. We feel now somewhat like leaving that question undecided, and following where we are led.

I am sorry to think of your being alone. It does not seem right to have it so. Though for a time you enjoy the quiet and find solitude restful, still I fear you must be very lonely. I hope you may not be alone long. It is very convenient for you to be able to go only to the next house for your dinners. I am glad you are doing this.

No I have not begun the tar soap remedy yet. If it is really doing good work for you I must certainly try it. I have not had a great deal of faith in any hair-restoring process. But if this is really effective, as it

seems to be. I must indeed try it.

It is remarkable that you have had such warm, dry weather while it has been cool and very wet here. Yesterday afternoon ~~there was~~ a heavy storm passed over the central part of the state doing a good deal of damage. Last night in the middle of the night it blew very hard here, and rained heavily, and we learn by the paper that the telegraph lines are down West of Emporia. So we judge there was another bad storm last night.

We had a pleasant visit from Mr. O'Meara & daughter Anna O'Meara of Onaga this week. They came down Tuesday and stayed till Wednesday afternoon. They were on their way to Moline, Ill. to visit Mr. O'M's two other daughters, where they will stay till September. Miss Anna was one of the members of our Onaga church most to be depended on.

Has it been decided where the new church shall stand? I suppose the building will begin before long.

I wonder where Kenka Park is. I hope Claire will be near enough to you to be able to call on you sometimes. I suppose she will be spending the summer at home in Hillsdale.

I forgot to send the box number to Henry Davis address. What is the number. What is 'Hugh Hughes' middle initial (Lizzie Davis husband) I will send her the same too. Also what is Mary Jane Roberts husband's name (Rosetta's sister)

With much love Yours as ever [illegible]

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Topeka, Kansas, March 2, 1904.

My Dear Aunt Mary: ——

Your letter of last Saturday and Sunday came to us this morning (Wednesday.) I suppose it was mailed Monday morning. Yes we are pretty near together, notwithstanding the 1400 miles or thereabouts separating us. If I remember correctly, my brother Robbie started from Utica, when he came west, at six o'clock Monday night, and reached Paola the following Friday evening or afternoon. That was in 1869. Thirty five years ago, and in March, too, if I am not mistaken. { I believe it was in March in '55 that father & family reached Kansas.

Thank you for your words of encouragement. I do not think that I have been particularly discouraged this winter though our affairs have been a good deal tangled, — or at least have been unsettled, so that we have seemed to be held in mid-air. We have an assurance that all things will work together and are working together for our good — and that Providence is working in our lives. I cannot believe it to be otherwise.

I wrote you in my last that I am now asked to return to the secretaryship of the Union. Of course we feel very grateful that the committee with whom I have worked for two years are inclined to show their confidence in me in this manner; but I think it quite doubtful whether I shall accept the

work again.

We are having another event at our house that slightly disturbs the even tenor of our way. Howard has the scarlet fever, and Jane quarantined around the rest of the family in. Have a room in the same block, across the street. We were quarantined yesterday. We are hoping none of the rest will take the disease. Howard had it before when he was small.

I have written to Uncle Eddie since receiving your letter reminding me that I ought to do so.

I am glad you are taking good care of yourself. It is very essential that you do so. Your Springtime may be in prospect already, but it is not very near after all. You will doubtless have some time yet in which to be very careful

Helen tells me to say to you that the blue yarn was used to overstitch (if that is the proper word) a little jacket for Edward, cut out of an old-fashioned knit scarf or muffler.

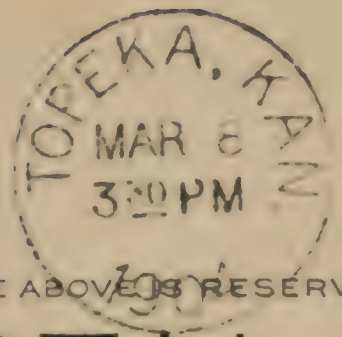
Helen read your letter to me through the window. This is one of the new experiences that we meet from time to time, — one of life's vicissitudes that we pray continually for strength to endure. But so far as Jane concerned, I am not having it very hard. Those that are shut in are the real sufferers. Hope to continue to hear from you often. Give my love please to Aunt Jane. I am sorry indeed that she has had a relapse, but trust she will be herself again. With love also to Mary & much to yourself — Your Nephew — J. E. Everett

Topeka, Kan., Mar 8, 1904.

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

Just a line to tell you that we are getting along nicely. Howard has not been very sick, and there are no signs of any of the others coming down. The quarantine still holds. Howard is healing slightly, though for a day or two he seemed to be over with it.— Thank you for sending Aunt Cynthia's old letter. Will write again soon. Expect to hear from you again today or tomorrow.

Love — S. E.



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TOPEKA, KAS. March 14 1904

My Dear Aunt Mary: —

Your letter written after receiving my card was received today. You have twice then I hope, received two letters from me. We are getting along well. Howard seems practically well again, but the quarantine will not be raised till tomorrow — or the day after. Hattie broke out yesterday with a rash which the doctor thinks is the German measles. We hope she will be well again by tomorrow. The others are well.

We had about two or three inches of snow yesterday. Today

it nearly all thawed away. I remember we had a quite heavy snow storm in Anthony about a week later than this 12 years ago just before I left Kansas for Michigan, Jos and Aunt Anna were in Michigan that Winter. I reached Michigan about the first of April, and took charge of the Merrill Church May 1.

We think there is an opportunity to candidate in Indiana, and it is quite possible that I may go there in a few days. The situation at home will permit. There are two places there in particular, Angola, in the Northeastern county, and Anderson. I should have before written you, about the

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miles
Northeast of Indianapolis. Supt.
Curtis also wrote of other
Churches some time ago.
Angola is only thirty miles
from Hillsdale. Of course
I have no assurance
regarding any of the points.
I cannot say that I am
especially disappointed that
the Union work is not to fall
to me. The perplexities &
burdens of that work are so
great that I feel a true relief
to think that I need not assume
them. Yet on the other hand
if it had fallen to my lot to
take up the work again with the
new plans to be put into operation,

I should have gone at with
eagerness
The Ottawa, Kansas church
of which I have written you
is now vacant, but I learned
today that they are going to pay
off a debt before engaging a
pastor. President Hess of Washz
burn, preached there yesterday
and very kindly agreed to bring
me an account of the situation
He says that I have the best cam-
mendations of any who have
been suggested, but that there
will be no action taken for
a while.

We have been much cheered by
your frequent letters. We think
about you a great deal and
have intended sending you daily
word of our situation, but have
failed to do so. Howard is slow
to get up. He is a good boy, and tries to
make himself useful. He seems zealous
in his college work. With love to

Hillsdale, Mich., March 19, 1904,

My Dear Aunt Mary:

I came thus far East this week, thinking that a field might open for me. I was led to do so by hearing from Angola of which I wrote you a few days ago. There is no chance to supply there just now, I learn, but there is quite likely to be an opportunity in two weeks.

I will not take much time to write you now as Holden has decided me to speak for him tomorrow morning and I must spend some time today in preparation.

The quarantine was being raised at our house the day I left. The city schools do not permit the return of pupils

until fifteen days after the raising of quarantine for Scarlet fever. That will keep Zaida out of school for more than four weeks, and as she has had had to work hard in the regular work all the year, we do not know just what she will do, Possibly she may not return to school this Spring. Roberts can drop back to school without serious loss as his work is different, she has not had to work hard at all during the year. This is the hardest of all the High School years that Zaida is in now — the Sophomore.

I suppose I shall be with the greater part of next week, and possibly the week after as well.

Love to you and Mary,

Your Brother & Nephew

J. E. Everett.

Hudson, Mich, Apr 6, 1904.

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

I have been meaning to write you for a number of days, I planned writing you at Angola, but did not after all. I spent Sunday there quite pleasantly, but we did not make mutual arrangements with a view to a pastorate. I had wanted from the first several Sundays there with the intervening time for the purpose of having opportunity afforded for acquaintance on both sides. I do not feel especially disappointed as the field is one that would prove very hard I am afraid, as the church has had some misfortunes, and it would be difficult to

do good work there I fear.

Holden is going to be away next Sunday and I will preach for him. He had almost no vacation last Summer & has had very hard work all Winter. I am glad to be able to relieve him.

I started to go to visit Solon yesterday, but the train was two hours late, and I found that it would take me on that account 24 hours to reach my destination. So I abandoned the idea. I fear now that I will not get to see him and his family on this trip, as I think I shall go back to Kansas next week.

Helen has been quite sick, with something like the grip. She had a prolonged touch of it before I came away: but

about a week or more ago. She was stricken down quite severely. She did not write me about it till she had begun to improve. The last I heard, she was unable to do much, but was resting and improving."

The Spring has opened pleasantly here. The snow has been all gone for two weeks. A good deal of Vega and Egypt has been in process of making. There seems to be a good deal made about here.

Even this week has begun her last term in the high school. She graduates in the Spring, and expects to enter Oberlin next Fall.

Hattie had a card from Claire yesterday and a letter from Lizzie today. Did I tell you that Hattie and Eva and I

Spent a very pleasant day with Lizzie and Anna at Hillsdale a week ago Monday. Anna graduates from College this Spring, and hopes to secure a position to teach next year. Clara is re-elected at Kenka College for another year.

Hattie and Eva visited Detroit yesterday and the day before, to do some shopping. They spent Monday night at John's. Clarence is now, it seems, 15 years old, — 15 last January.

I was very glad to get your letter last Thursday or Friday. I like to hear from you often now that I am away from home. I am not sure of returning next week but think it quite probable that I shall. I wish I might visit you before going back, but believe I must forgo that

pleasure on this journey; — Gods
it would be an unspeakable
pleasure to be able to spend a
few days there with you. If I
go back and settle in Kansas,
I do not know either when it
will seem expedient to make
so long a journey. It will take
us some time to get ahead a
little again after our meager
income of the past six months.
We have got along very well with
moderate and careful economy
and have avoided entrenching
on the money that we have
regarded as our reserves. We
have taken nothing but what
that we have been able to save
during our Topeka residence.

I feel sure now that we will
get settled down, though we may
have to accept rather smaller
a salary than we had hoped to
receive. I am not worrying

about it at all. I have done what seemed to be my duty in trying to get ~~and~~ a larger salary than we had formerly got in Church work. I felt that I must do this on account of the children ~~coming~~ for the next few years to be educated. But now that I have done my duty in the matter, I will feel contented & accept the work that comes to me, and will trust that we may still be able to do well by the children. Howard is greatly distressed to work and help himself all he can, and I feel sure he will do much toward ~~paying~~ paying his own way.

I did feel quite disappointed for a time that the State Temperance Union work did not swing around back to me, but now I am inclined to think it the best

things at the strain of that work is
at times heavy, and my
nerves might not keep intact
under it. I believe things are
working around for the best for
us, and after a little patient wait-
ing I am sure we will see it
to be so.

I am of course having a delightful
visit here. It is a longer visit
than I would make just now of
course, just for the visit sake,
enjoyable though it be. I am
waiting now for some develop-
ments that may arise during
the next week which make it
seem best not to leave for a few
days yet.

With very much love & kisses,
Your Nephew
J. E. Emerth,

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
SEVERY, KANSAS
J. E. EVERETT, PASTOR

Severy, Kan. Aug. 18, 1904

My Dear Aunt Mary:

Yours written after returning from the island was received ~~last night~~ yesterday noon. I was thinking before receiving it that it was about time for me to write you again.

Roberts has gained 6½ pounds since he took his new start six weeks ago. He continues quite well. His school will begin two weeks from next Monday. Margaret has a very interesting anticipation of the opening of school, as she is expecting to begin her career then. Another little six year old, Za Adams, is also to begin school at the same time, and the two are hoping to sit together.

The Ladies Society meets at the parsonage today and their task today is to do some sewing for Helen. The society sews for people at so much per sitting, - only .50 ¢ I believe when they sew for one of their own number. Helen has been quite busy the last few days getting things ready for this onslaught. We will borrow two or three extra sewing machines, and if all is well, may ex-

peek some large execution to be the result. The president of the society is a vigorous worker of 80 years in age. She is wise and tactful as well as energetic and she keeps things moving both briskly and smoothly. Sometimes 20 or 30 ladies gather in these meetings for work, and I believe usually as many as fifteen or twenty. They meet once in two weeks.

I am sure you had a good visit at Holland Patent the other day. I wish I could have been there, too. Is Frances well? Does she enjoy her work? When I saw her three years ago, she spoke of taking a medical course sometime. Does she still contemplate doing so?

Is Clara enjoying her vacation, - now nearly over with. I wish I could drop into Oneida County without ceremony, and have a little visit there. I hope Aunt Jane is well.

Next Sunday I am hoping to drive the family to Western Park. We have open air services there that day in a grove a mile from the church, and people are going to bring their lunches and stay all day. We expect to have a good attendance and a profitable time. I believe I wrote you that our Junior Endeavor society was entertained on our lawn last Friday. About 30 were present. We fed them sandwiches & cake on little wooden butter plates or shells from the grocery store, & gave them lemonade. All they could drink and I guess some of them never drank so much lemonade at one time before.

With much love,

Love to Mary. - You'll [illegible] have to tell me [illegible]

[illegible] NATIONAL CHURCH,
[illegible], TEXAS.
[illegible] PASTOR.

November 26. 1904. —

My Dear Aunt Mary: —

A little daughter was born here Thursday evening. - a Thanksgiving baby. I was so busy yesterday that I asked Roberts to write you about it, but he, after writing the letter, failed to mail it, so I will write a word with his this morning. Helen is apparently doing first rate. Baby is perfect and strong, and weighs 8 pounds. It has a pretty round head and face, it has some hair, more than our other children had.

Edward is very greatly pleased with his little sister, as the other children are, Edward points to himself when we ask him whose baby it is. He evidently feels he has property rights in her.

Jantee came home Wednesday night to stay over Thanksgiving. She goes

back Tuesday ~~evening~~ morning, probably, if we get a girl, and we expect one Monday.

We continue to have very pleasant weather. It gets gradually colder, but is pleasant. Write often if you can.

With much love,

Your Nephew

H. E. Emmett

P.S. We will give the baby your name Mary, for one of its names, but have not decided on the other name yet.

H. E. E.

Plans Loading
Row 24 Pt
N. E. Ex.

Severy, Kansas. June 24, 1905.

My Dear Aunt Mary: —

It is such a long time, since I have written to you that I am indeed ashamed of myself. But I have thought of you every day nevertheless. I have seemed to have a good deal to break up my time lately, and yet I have not been unusually busy, nor have I accomplished very much. We all keep along in about the same old way. Last week I attended a Christian Endeavor Convention at Eureka, spending a day and a half, and having a profitable and pleasant time.

Roberts has a small herd of six town cows to take out to the pasture mornings & bring back nights. He takes them from a half a mile to a mile from town. He ha

done his work afoot till within a day or two when he has used our horse. The horse is big and strong, and sometimes a little headstrong, too, so that, on the whole gentle, I have been a little afraid to have Roberts ~~not~~ ride him. But I think that gradually he will get so that he can use him safely.

Margaret was considerably indisposed a few days ago, but it lasted only two or three days. She thought it was brought on by eating mulberries. Robert is taking lessons on the organ this summer. He is not particularly fond of music, but is making pretty good progress with his lessons.

We have had quite a good garden, with lettuce, onions, radish, beans, peas and beets, and we have ~~tomatoes~~ cabbage and parsnips in prospect. We have tomatoes as large as eggs on our vines, and the cabbage are beginning to head. We also have

cucumbers formed on the vines, but they are not large enough to use, I mean to set out a few strawberry plants this summer.

Zaidee is now at home. She is reading Virgil. I have another girl reading it with her, one of her last winter's room mates, have a pupil in Cicero too. Zaidee does not have much time for study as she has to help so much with the housework.

Howard has work in Topeka. I believe I wrote you that he was expecting work with Mr. Coburn, Secy. of the State Board of Agriculture where twenty or thirty extra clerks are now engaged compiling the State Census, which is taken once in ten years, - the years ending with 5. We presume the work will last all summer, though we are not sure. He gets nine dollars a week, and

where he boards he does some chores to pay for his board, and room, which thus costs him in cash only two dollars a week.

Little Mary grows and gets sweeter all the time. Edward is round like a log, and enjoys being out of doors this weather. As to the baby's middle name, I think it will be Anna.

Tomorrow is my Eastern Park day. I enjoy going out there, but I find it a pretty wearisome work. We have a good horse, which is a help.

I will close now, hoping that you will find it convenient to write very soon.

With Much love
J. E. Everett

Severy, Kansas. Sept 25, 1905,

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

I suppose you are home again after your very pleasant visit at Maggie's, I have thought lately, many times that if I ever, or when I ever get back on another visit to New York, I want without fail, to visit her. I visited there over Sunday in the summer of '98. I think, though I am not just positive as to the date. I preached, I remember, in their church the Sunday I was there. It looks now as though I would not make my second visit there in less than twenty years after my first visit.

Our lives are uneventful here, and so I have not much, seemingly, to write about. Walter Minnick, visiting his parents here, a student at Northwestern, preached for us a few days, two weeks ago.

Last week I attended a County Sunday School Convention at Eureka staying over night, and having a good visit with Zeiders. Tomorrow we plan to go some or all of us to one of our Western Park families to spend a part of or all of the day. This is a young married couple, very devoted to the church, he being the superintendent of our Park S.S. Milo Munsinger. They live about half way between the Park church and here, — about six miles out. Jane planning to be in Emporia Oct 24-26, to attend our Southern Congregational Association.

I haven't heard from Hattie for some time and therefore do not know whether they are permanently located again or not. Have you heard? One of our Kansas Cong. ministers, Dr. Frank G. Ward of Emporia, has, I notice, been recently called to Lansing, Michigan — but I have not learned whether he has accepted.

Our least one, your namesake, is a bright, attractive little tot. She has pretty light chestnut colored hair, that glistens in the sunlight. We think it will likely grow quite dark. Her eyes are large and pretty,

a very dark blue, which we suppose will turn black or brown perhaps. Her hair seems different at different times — sometimes quite light, sometimes a decided chestnut, sometimes almost red. When not cross she is a splendid little thing. She creeps lithely, and walks about around chairs, and we hope she will take to walking in good earnest before long. Helen and I have sometimes remarked that she is the only one of our four who has not worn from the aunties to keep and to be a memento. Roberts and Margaret has each one from you and Aunt Anna, and Edward one from you. Edward's is the only one that has been used. He used his a great deal, but has lately discarded it partly, so that his mother has put it away with the rest.

Well, I will close now, hoping to write again before long, and hoping also that we may hear from you again too quite soon.

With Much Love, Your Nephew

F. Everett

Have not answered Cousin Jennie's very nice letter, but will do so without delay

M. E.

Severy, Kan. Dec 4, 1905,

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

It is so long since I have written to you that I hardly know where to begin. But I can do no better than to begin by acknowledging the very pretty and sweet and delicate spoon that came for Mary today, which I am sure you sent. We are greatly pleased with it. It is certainly a very fine Christmas present for the little lady, or a birthday present perhaps. She herself seemed to understand that the present was for her. She is walking now, and has been for some time. She has been weaned for, I think, about four weeks, and is quite well. She has a voracious appetite. She is getting more chubby cheeked than she has ever been. Edward, too, is fat and healthy, though he takes cold easily.

Jaidee came home Wednesday last

for Thanksgiving, and goes back tomorrow. We had public Thanksgiving service in our church, at which I preached. Usually Severy has a ~~public~~ union Thanksgiving service, but a peculiar failure to have such a service occurred this year, — so we had a meeting of our own.

In October we had a helpful series of special meetings at Western Park for two weeks. In November we had a similar series, for the same length of time at Severy. Between the ~~two~~ periods two, I was in Emporia ~~two~~ or three day attending our Southern Congregational Association. So my time has been taken up pretty fully. Had a good visit at Uncle Eddie's in Emporia. They are all pretty well, or were at that time.

Roberts and Margaret are both making good progress in school, and they are both in quite good health. We have the same girl staying with us and going to school as we had last year. The principal of our school was sick a short time ago, and almost suffered a breakdown. I taught for him two days, and am still teaching his Latin class, giving to the work one hour a day, and reciting fifty minutes a day for the work

(Our school building was enlarged this year, and another teacher added to the force, making five teachers. The new room was occupied today for the first time. There is also another new room, but it will not be used at present. We have a nice lot of pupils, and I enjoy my teaching.

I have not heard from Cousin Hattie for some time. Have you heard recently? I received a copy of a preacher's magazine with recently, which she has occasionally sent me. This one was addressed in her handwriting, & I knew it was from her, but the post mark was partly obliterated, but it looked as though it might be Charlevoix.

We expect Howard to be home in about two weeks. He has not been home since the last New Year's Holidays.

How are you standing the Winter thus far? I hope you are feeling well, and courageous for the long stretch of cold weather ahead. I am glad you have your home in good and comfortable condition.

We seem to be starting in the Winter in pretty good health. though Helen has recently been threatened with typhoid fever,

as our doctor says. We think she will surely be feeling stronger soon. As for myself, I am well and strong, & hopeful & happy.

How are all our Eastern relatives? & Aunt Jane well? And Margaret & her family, & Clara, & the Alder Creek friends, all of them?

Are the Genesee Street Cousins well? I have been thinking much for the last few days of Cousin Mary Lewis, and have indeed been moved by an impulse to write to her. But I have not done so, and may not do so. I am a poor hand to write letters; and my regular correspondents have now become just about reduced down to yourself.

It is growing dark, and I must close, and go and do my few little chores. Did I write you that we recently purchased a cow? A great luxury. We like her 'Good'

Severy, Kansas, Feb 17, 1906.

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

I will write you just a few words this morning. We are looking for another letter from you: and possibly there may be one in the postoffice now, for we have not yet had the mail this morning.

We are still enjoying the things from the cousins, and will enjoy them for a long time to come. I am taking much pleasure with my mittens or rather gloves. I do not know whether you slipped them in yourself, or whether they did. But they are very nice and my thanks is most cordial to whom-ever due. Margaret thinks a great deal of her dolly. Helen has a nice

been to a dressmaker with the black dress, but has not received it back yet. Zaidee writes us that the white dress is just a fit. Helen on looking it over & comparing it with some things of Zaidees here at home, judged that it might quite likely fit without alteration. So we sent it on immediately.

You ask about Zaidees home in Topeka. She is doing what on some accounts I would prefer her not to do, and on some accounts think will be good for her - working for her board. She is in what we are informed is a good Christian family - a Methodist family, consisting of father and Mother and one daughter, the last being in Zaidee's class. I believe in College. The place is about a mile from College situated so that by taking a car & transferring to another she can ride in bad weather. The work she writes, is quite light, and the people & home congenial

She has a room to herself and feels that she is fortunate in getting into such a comfortable and pleasant place. — especially as it seemed to be about the only thing available when we made our inquiries. At least that we at this distance & through correspondence, were able to secure. The Howard of course see something of each other, & communicate at pleasure over the 'phone.

Roberts' eyes are troubling him again. He is able to use them in reading almost none at all. This is since a week ago yesterday or about that time. We have of course kept him out of school this week. If he does not improve soon, we will try to take him to Emporia or Topeka to consult an oculist.

Our whooping cough patients are still at it. Thank you for Grandma's old receipt. We have been using it. Mar-

Janet seems to be getting better. Ed=
ward is getting into the worst
period of the disease, we think,
and Mary coughs though as yet not
as bad as the other two. It is quite
the fashion among the children here now.
Two have had pneumonia develop
in connection with it. One of them
got better & is on the road to recov=
ery. Another - a 4-year old boy -
died last night.

We have had a light winter,
though of course we have had some
cold weather. My last two trips to
Western Park have happened to come
on almost if not quite the
worst days of the winter. It
seems to day ready to turn out to
be most any kind of weather tomor=
row, which is my Park day.

I will now close. We hope that you
are well. Are you still alone? Is your
house comfortable this winter, and
does the furnace give good satisfaction?

How is Aunt Jane & how are the Alder Creek Cousins?

Helen has a girls club that meets with her every two weeks - this afternoon being the regular day. That is, it usually meets here, though not always - they sew & read &c. I also have a boys club. 4 boys about Robert's age. That meets usually at the church, weekly. We quite large, occupy the time by my reading them. This club gave a successful pancake supper last week, in which they were greatly interested, & by which they cleared between thirteen & fourteen dollars.

With Much Love
Your Nephew & Brother
J. E. Everett

Helen has been ill with a bad cold, but is up & out again.

I see Helen has written. I understand her better since I have had a letter from her. Tell Ruth I received hers and will write soon. I think it will be well for us to write frequently for we can learn a great deal by writing letters and

Severy, Kansas, April 5, 1906.

My Dear Aunt Mary,

I have been greatly rejoiced recently by getting such good long letters from you. I hope this good practice may continue. I do not have any hope of being able to write you a very long letter this time. But I want to write nevertheless.

I guess I have not written you since a brief attack of rheumatism which I had recently. I had felt it coming on for a good many days; and finally, on March 25, I came down on my back, with the painful disease in my back. However I was not kept down long. That was on Friday, and I was up again the next Tuesday. My sick Sunday was my Severy Sunday, the following Sunday, which was last Sunday,

I did not go to the Park, though as it proved, I think I might easily have done so. Being here I held services here. I am well again, feeling only a little catch when I stoop over or make certain motions.

We learn that Zaidee is not in very good health, & has had to be out of College some, and to give up one of her studies, her German. Her eyes are also troubling her. We have thought seriously for a day or two of having her come home & give up her studies till next fall. You ask the address of Howard. It is 1100 Topeka Ave, Topeka, and Zaidee's address is 1927 Harrison Street.

Robert and Margaret were much pleased to receive your letter & them today. (W. Robert, was not near-sighted before getting his glasses, but had grown to be far-sighted. The first thing I noticed that did not seem right was that in reading he would hold his book or paper, out at arm's length. The oculist thinks that he will quite likely outgrow the difficulty

In regard to the Sunday School books I confess the cost of an edition as you quote Mr. Griffith is much less than I thought it would be, and I can not but wonder whether there may not be some mistake. But even at that price the profit will be doubtful when advertising (if you should continue it advertise) and postage is taken into account. And quite likely in the long run the profit would dwindle down to nothing. The trouble is a considerable for you to attend to — I do not feel sure that it would be wise to get the edition out. But if you feel that you really ought to do so I would certainly not want to discourage you. But we may very gratefully and proudly remember that we do not need to seek to continue the prestige of career of usefulness that the little book has had. For it has now been on the market for longer than most books continue to be used. And we can therefore well afford to let it pass into the realm of the historical.

I have an old copy here, printed in 1848, and it says "It is the second edition" (for "ad" is "second"); is it true? Supposing the first edition to have been printed two years earlier, we may ascribe to the work a living career of not less than 60 years. Not many books live as long as that.

Helen will possibly write a short letter to go in this. She wishes to do so. But she does not apparently have control of her time, with her household duties, & the demands of baby.

Mary is pretty well & now, but she is a nervous exacting little thing, and domineers over her mother sometimes cruelly. Then Helen is trying to do some sewing, too, which takes her time when she can use the time in that way.

Next week, I am going to back for Mr. Slater our principal, who will be out over the county electioneering, as he is hoping to be nominated as ~~ex~~ Republican candidate for County Superintendent of Public Instruction next month - which corresponds to your School Commissioner —

Much love

F. E. Everett

Fowler, Kansas, July 1, 1906.

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

I will write you a few words this afternoon, as I have not written you for some little time. We have been in a "period of transition," and I have neglected my correspondence. I am not sure, indeed, that I acknowledged to you the receipt of the Utica box, and I am sure that I did not acknowledge it to the Cousins. I will try to write them tomorrow. The things came just as we were tearing up and packing, so I put off writing about them till I should be more settled. We were very much pleased with them, and are indeed grateful to the cousins, and grateful to you for having them sent. Roberts is pretty well provided for now for with coats and pants;—and the waists for him fill a pressing need and help wonderfully. The largest coat I shall be able to wear some, and Mr. Davies, our Welsh friend at Severy, who is a tailor, lengthened the sleeves for me so as to make the garment usable. The

largest pantaloons, too, lengthened out, are suitable for me.

I am, for the time, at Ford and Fowler, I am at Fowler today and shall return to Ford about the 4th to remain there till about the 12th, when I shall ~~coudas~~ come back here for about a week. I believe I wrote you that I might be addressed at Ford, so I may hear from you ~~ever~~ before you receive this.

The family are at Topeka, at 1820 Clay Street. Strangely we are in the same block from which we moved two years ago, and in the house where we stayed and were hospitably entertained after tearing up, a house belonging to Mr. Huggins, and from which the Huggins family had moved a few days before we went back. I tried hard not to take that house, thinking I could get lower rent; but I failed to get anything suitable, excepting one other house, which was a little cheaper, but all things considered, I judged the one I took to be more

satisfactory.

I came upto Topeka on the 20th taking Margaret as far as Emporia, and leaving her there till the others should follow. That was on Wednesday. That evening Howard and I went house hunting. We found a house quite far out toward the city limits that we could have had for $10 a month if we had been an hour later, - a new house, and in a good neighborhood, and very suitable. But it had just been taken. The next day I continued the work alone, and did not fully decide till Friday morning, to take Mr. Huggins' house. The folks came Friday at one o'clock having gathered up Margaret on the way.

One of our old neighbors, - our former next door neighbor - the Seelys - invited us to supper that night, so we felt that we were back among our friends. We could not do much that day toward getting settled, as the drays were

slow in getting our things out to us, I had an appointment at Ford the next Sunday, and so I had to leave in the middle of that night, Howard has been able to help some and a good, strong colored woman who used to wash for us would help as needed, This is not a very pleasing arrangement, but for the present I am glad to have it so. We have a double expense, with my board to pay here, & rent to pay at the other end of the line. We pay $14 a month rent, but we now have the barn rented for $1, so that just now we are paying but $13, Then of course I do not like the idea of being away from home, with all those little children to be cared for; Zaidee has been for the last month at Eureka, attending the County Institute, with the intention of teaching next winter. She will go to the folks, probably, this coming week.

Howard has been working on the Evening Journal (the Topeka State Journal) for two weeks. One of the reporters left, and he was given a chance to try his hand. He had sought work there a few weeks before and therefore had been told to hand in work on trial whenever he cared to do so, which he had done: so that when the opening came, he already had a standing at court. But I do not know whether he will be continued there or not. And, indeed, I fear he will not get much pay for it anyway. He hoped to learn at the end of this past week what he would get, as it was the end of the month. He is quite enthusiastic over it, though I fear that his apprenticeship will have to be rather unremunerative. Later on, however, if he can stand this unremunerative period, he might find the work in this line very helpful. He was 21 years old last Monday, the 25th.

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Margaret is now nearly 8 years old, Her birthday is just 7 days after the 4th — the 11th " Roberts carries his 1½ years and more with ease, though he is rather small and of frail build. Mary Howard writes, is "chunky" and indeed she has been fully that for some time. She has not been very well. Her teeth have troubled her, — though I think her stomach and eye teeth are now through.

I am now just three counties west of Kiowa, and in a land of winds. I am 96 miles west and 24 miles north of Kiowa. This section has been prosperous of late years, and people feel contented and independent, and think that this is the best and most desirable part of all the world. But I have seen portions of the globe that I like better. Yet the towns are growing, the farmers are successful and happy. They have plenty of money, send their

children away to be educated and occasionally indulge in the luxury of the automobile. Plowing is here sometimes done with a steam engine, twelve ~~rows being~~ furrows being cut at once. Wheat is somewhat uncertain but very profitable, and alfalfa certain and more profitable. There are not many people here - less than 3000 in the whole Meade County - but those that are here can afford cream in their tea at every meal. As nearly as I can discern, the ladies dress in the newest fashions and all use the most approved forms of slang. Indeed it is worthy of note that many of these people have developed wholesomely and gracefully in these remote parts where society has afforded them so little. I find young men and women of twenty years and over, who were born and reared on large

cattle ranches, cut off from the ordinary forms of social intercourse who have no unpleasant mannerisms, either of speech or deportment. The proprieties and graces of ~~life~~ cultivated life are as much theirs as though they had been accustomed to the ordinary advantages that fall to more favored American boys & girls. I suspect with a little careful practice they could courtesy before King Edward with as much ease and naturalness as our Alice herself.

This has been for me a lonesome Sunday afternoon, and this letter has helped to make it less so. I hope that you will write often, so that my lonesomeness may sometimes be relieved by your letters true. Love to all the relatives and much for you.

Your Nephew Brother

J. E. Everett

Fowler. Kansas. July 26. 1906.

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

I will not write you a long letter now, but just a note so that you may have word from me. I received a very nice letter from Cousin Hattie this morning and also one from Cousin John Butler. Hattie had sent him one that I had written her, and that prompted him to write.

I received a letter from Howard today also. He has been working on the Evening Journal, as you know, having began there on June 18. He had not received no pay nor any intimation of what his pay would be, if any, and he seemed to lack courage enough to inquire about it. He writes me that yesterday the 26th Mr. Kiene, his "boss" handed him a check for $13.50 which ~~is~~ is his pay up to July 1st and —

the rate of $30 a month, "which is considerable more, Mr Kiene says, than they ever gave to a new man before." For July, he adds, he is to get $35. That is pretty well, I think, especially as he hardly had courage enough, to begin with, to go and apply for the job, and has been too bashful for six weeks to ask whether his work was going to be rewarded with any pay. But he seems to do all right in his work, for he is getting better assignments than at first.

Our State Superintendent, Dr. Thayer was here yesterday. He is going to help these two fields to employ a pastor for full time, instead of having one pastor supply both. That is what I hope to see done when I leave, the opening will probably be presented for me to look into about Sept 1 to 15.

Did I write you that Jacobs got

her certificate with a good percentage in her examinations. The last I heard of her - a few days ago - she was down in Greenwood County hunting a school. The Superintendent of Public instruction of Ford County writes me that he can probably get a school for her. But I think she will get something in Greenwood County.

I continue to feel well. The weather here, though quite hot a good deal of the time, is not ordinarily oppressive this season. We have a good breeze most of the time, and yet very little of the exceedingly heavy wind that Western Kansas can sometimes provide.

The folks at home are fairly well. Helen writes that Mary has been cross nearly all the time. She says that Margaret is a great deal of help in taking care of Mary. Roberts and Mary

this summer. He is getting restless without regular work, and looks for a "job." But nothing has opened for him.

I hope you have had a pleasant visit with Lewis. He used to be a good boy when we knew him, & I have no doubt is yet. We have not seen him for about four years. Is he still in the East? I must write him and tell him of some friends we have in Coffeyville. — James Beloat, in a hardware store, the Parker Hardware Company I think, who was a dreary fellow, a would be [illegible] such there, — and the Lamm family whom he doubtless remembers as a known family when he was in Kansas.

The Courant came yesterday. Thank you. Also the Boonville Herald, which I was glad to see.

With much love
Your Nephew
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A. E. JONES, NOTARY PUBLIC.

FOWLER, MEADE CO., KANSAS, Sept 29 1906

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

I have been rather uncertain I fear, in my correspondence lately. I have been quite busy for the last two weeks. I guess I have not written to you within that time. Two weeks ago Sr. Thayer our State H. M. Superintendent visited Ford, and preached on Sunday morning, and went to the country and preached Sunday night. He was to have held a service in Ford again in the evening. But a heavy all night rain prevented it. Peculiar circumstances got me wet to the skin that night on my way from where I ate supper to my boarding place. (On my way, I stopped at the church where I had noticed light, thinking it had been pouring all evening. I found two young ladies - sisters - there & their mother. They were waiting for it to stop raining — a hopeless wait, as it proved. I stayed with them an hour and a half, until eleven o'clock. Then I prevailed on them to go home. It was very dark, & I learned the next day that

they got into mud and water to their knees. But they would have stayed all night in waiting for the rain to stop & they did not live far away.

The next morning with dry clothes, I drove Dr. Thayer eleven miles in the rain to Bucklin to meet a train getting pretty wet again. But it did not hurt me at all, for I did not take cold at all. That afternoon I returned to Bucklin and got a belated train for Fowler.

Evangelistic meetings began here the next evening. We have here an evangelist — two of them; one being a singer, — had been trying all summer to get him, as he knew of his good work — Rev. C. J. Wheeler. He is a Yale fellow, having been born and raised there. We are having very helpful services, and the churches here will be much strengthened by the work. I had also tried to get a man to hold similar meetings at Ford. Strangely, they both came at about the same time. Meetings began at Ford Thursday of this week. The Fowler meetings close next Tuesday night, the evangelists going from here to Rochester, Penna.

I expect to be here only a short time longer, but shall probably get away before the end of October. Two or three

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places will be opening up shortly, — are indeed now open. I could not leave till after these meetings; ~~and~~ else I should have been away before this, in all probability.

I shall be here at Fowler nearly all the time next week: and may be addressed here

This is quite a good season for Kansas. Western Kansas has shared in the prevailing good crops. We have a great deal of fruit here this year. Peaches are very plentiful, Melons, too, are prolific. — Water melons sell on the street often for five cents a piece.

We have started a paper here lately, (as you ~~this is~~ have yet been printed. I don't know whether I sent you a copy. I will send you one of this weeks, if there are some left.

~~I~~ During these Fowler meetings I have

been publishing a little sheet, "Daily Evangelistic Bulletin." My type-setting propensity sometimes serves me to good purpose.

Zadee writes that she had a nice letter from you. I am very glad to have you write to her. I want you to know that I appreciate your kindly feeling toward these two oldest of mine, in whom I might perhaps have no reason to be surprised if you were not interested. I have a great deal of affection for them and am pleased that you feel kindly toward them.

Roberts and Margaret are now attending school, Margaret is a sweet, sober faced girl. Dear little Mary has been quite sick for some two weeks or more. I hope, however, that it will prove to be nothing serious. Hope you can write soon and often - With a lot of love from your Stephen F. Everett

Fowler, Kansas, Sept. 30, 1906.

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

Your letter of the 24 is at hand, having ~~come~~ to Fowler first, then to Ford, then back here to Fowler again. I have been somewhat uncertain in my place of habitation since our meetings began. Though this is my Ford Sunday, I am here at Fowler, Mr. Fisher being at Ford. This brother, who is holding my Ford meetings, is my successor in the third remove in ~~K~~ the Kiowa pulpit. The coming week I shall probably be back there a day or two and then be here next Sunday. During the coming week I may be addressed here.

It is quite likely that I shall be in this Western field only about one or two Sundays longer. Since writing yesterday I have heard from Dr. Thayer, our Superintendent, that he will probably ~~o~~ have either an opening for me to candidate right along, or that he will make arrangements for me to go to Wellington to supply for two or three

Sundays, in place of the Pastor who is sick, & will not be able to resume work for awhile.

I have, on the whole, had the finest time this Summer in this Western work. Of course I have been sad to think of the family needing me, the Baby being sick so much of the time, and Helen needing my help. Aside from that, I have enjoyed my Summer. I have kept thoroughly well. Yes. I am regular in my meals, and sleep well, and feel tip=top. — The Ford meetings will quite likely close next Sunday, -or possibly they may last two or three days later than that.

We are having quite good success here at Fowler. Thirty or thirty-five people have pro=fessed their determination to lead Christian lives.

Yes. I think our hotel will be a temperance one. We have many in Kansas that are not, -though comparitively few with the open bar. The landlord often keeps liquor however, more or less on the sly, for sale or to give to his guests. It is thought that this landlord will not do that. He will be watched pretty closely, as the sentiment is pretty good

here. A short time ago the sheriff made a raid on our depot, & took out a lot of liquor in small packages. That ~~&~~ lay there, consigned to various parties. The trial ~~was~~ with reference to it was held yesterday at Meade, our county seat, & number of our people went to attend it, including several ladies. I would have gone but could not do so very conveniently yesterday. The express company, I understand, put up no defense except some technical one in regard to the making out of the papers, which was overruled. The liquor was therefore proven to be contraband, and the ladies & others were given the privilege of smashing it. Our evangelist, Mrs. Wheeler, was invited to go down to make a little speech in connection with the "smashing" for the smashing process was pre-arranged in case the temperance people should win. She took a bottle of whiskey in her hand and made a neat little speech about it, and then held it aloft & called out, "What shall I do with it?" A big fat man in front of her

shouted out in reply: "Bust hers" and the Shepler immediately proceeded to do so.

I am glad you had such a fine visit at Maggie's. I know you enjoyed it very much. It is a pity that Frank got so badly hurt. I hope that he will not suffer long from the accident. I hope Aunt Jane will not overdo, and that she will keep well.

I remember when our cousins the Sherwoods visited us when I was a very small boy. It must be nearly if not quite forty years ago. If you write to Mrs. Sherwood, you may tell her that I remember her. I think it was through Mr. Sherwood that our folks got the calendar clock.

Addee tells me, in a letter I received from her yesterday that she has answered your letter. So I suppose you have heard from here before this.

A letter from home tells me that Roberts hurt his finger or thumb the other day so that he cannot use a pen, & will probably be out of school a few days on account of it. He is a good deal disappointed be-

cause he is put back a grade in Topeka. The Topeka schools are, you see, keyed up to a higher pitch than such schools as that of Severy. He graduated from the "grades" in Severy, but in Topeka is lacking one year's work in Algebra, which he had never studied, and a half year in Physical Geography, which are not in the "grades" there.

No, dam sure I had never heard of the death of Rev. E. Davis. Is Mrs. Davis living? What do you know about the children? Will, where is he & what doing? Mary, is she still teaching in Waterville? How do Celia and Hugh get along? Hugh is the name is it not? I used to like him; he was a good fellow, and capable. (and liked Celia too - yes & Mary as well.) How many children have they? Who is this Frank Owens, who sometimes preaches for you?

Our evangelist, Mr. Wheller, has held meetings, sometime or other in Brewer, Me, I believe that is where Rev. Melinda Jones used to be, is it not. I met a fellow from there once, a Rhys, a temperance lecturer. I suppose Mr.

Jones used to know him too. But I think I wrote you once before about this.

I send a great deal of love. I wish I could see you. This Summer's experience isn't very good for us financially and I will hardly think of visiting the East for a couple of years. Next time I go East I want to take Helen with me, if I can.

I hear from home that Edward has been getting rather stubborn and naughty since I have been away. But he is a very sweet little chap. — and he has good stalwart qualities too. I know I have thought lately that Margaret has something of the Everett look. When her face is in repose she often has a sober, almost sad look, as though there were longings within that she hasn't told to utter, — a sweet thoughtful face that makes me feel like being very good to her.

I am very glad to get your letter, and hope, as always, to hear from you often.

Affectionately Your Nephew

E. E. Everett

1820 Clay Street, Ishkaban,
Oct 19. 1906.

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

Your recent letters have been very heartily welcome. I have been right here to receive them. I start out tonight for my 300 mile trip to Fowler, but I shall probably return the first of the week, reaching home next Tuesday, the 23rd. I expect this to be my last week in these Western fields. (I minister will go to candidate at 3rd next Sunday, & the Sunday after, and quite soon one will be sent to Fowler.

Our Wellington affair is no nearer materialization than when I wrote you last,—at least, so far as appears to us. It is quite certain that

nothing will come of it. Though we have no reason to believe that I will not be asked to visit the Chund for a month. This I still expect, though as yet I have not had the invitation.

Your suggestions in your last letter are all right. Don't think that they will give any offence. I will try not to visit the field bearing a thirty nine cent tag. I will spruce up with new clothes, and will do what I can by various sorts of veneerings to make it appear that I am as much of a gentleman as any one who walks the street, of Wellington. But as I say, it is not at all sure as yet that I will be invited to candidate there. I am just expecting it — that's all. Which ever way it turns, we will believe

It is all right. The fact that we will be led into what is best.

Thank you for those full letters that you have written during the last few days. We were very glad to receive them.

I will not write much more as it is drawing near to supper time, and I go away tonight. The other night I heard Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, and next week some of us will hear Gov. Folk, and Vice President Fairbanks.

I hope you will continue well this fall and write. Our children are pretty well now. All of our youngsters have been very sick in their extreme youth, but this little Mary caps the climax. She is about the "limit". She has more springs and effective motor machinery

inside of her than seems necessary
even reasonable in such a
small piece of humanity. She
chatters and romps and climbs
and refuses to sleep for a dem-
ishing number of hours in a
day on the average. We are
sending you a picture of her
that ~~she~~ just came. The chief
defect in it is that it shows her
as being still and unmoving,
which is not by any means natural,
(otherwise it is a good picture.
I send also a proof of another exposure,
which I think on the whole not quite
so good, though the lights are clearer,
and the expression in some way
is more like her. Yet the one we have
finished is, I think, pretty better.

With love

Your Nephew

F. E. Everett

1820 Clay Street, Tokyo,
Nov 6, 1906

My Dear Miss Thing: —

I want to hear from you again, and accordingly write you a few words, but I rather hesitate to write because Edward has urged me to it, so that his letter might go too. The other day he insisted that he wanted to write you a letter and the result is the enclosed, which he dictated, though I think several sentences had to be edited, and throughout had to be ~~corrected~~ translated into English, a language which is somewhat different to his own language.

Our Welcome to Japan has been thorough, three times by

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, the
Lord gave me a very cordial reception,
but how, I do not know, to the
contrary action with regard to de-
ceiving a minister for another to
the last time they were called
to make a change, they were
six or eight months, with a vacant
pulpit. After being there,
and seeing the field, I can
say that I have missed much
in not being invited there.
It would be an excellent field
field to do much in, and the
work there has always been a
struggling, restful work. They
have had excellent ministers, but
there has been but little progress,
and the ministers have always
grown discouraged, for
that there work was large,

a failure. The present minister is one of the best ministers that we have in the state; but he does not [illegible] that his efforts has counted for a great deal there.

I am going to Chapman for a month, beginning next Sunday. Heise is a nice little town, in central Kansas, in Dickinson County. I visited there once and made an address for the State Sunday School Convention. There is a fine Union High School there. Perhaps I may be invited to the Centennial there, and indeed, rather expect that I shall be.

I will not write you much of a letter this time, but shall hear from you soon. We seem to be in usual health. Mary is better than in the summer. She is chubby cheeked, and thinks a great deal of herself.

quite as fat as he used to be, but
is heart and healthy.

Write soon again
from loving nephew,

J. E. Everett.

Chapman, Kansas
Nov 12, 1906

My Dear Aunt Mary: —

I have been here for more than a week, and over two Sundays. I will stay probably till the 3rd of December. I am very cordially received, and am enjoying my stay here. I am thus far staying in an Humphrey family. There is a fine High School here — a county high school. Some Kansas counties have a school of this kind, but not all by any means.

Yesterday in calling, I met a Mrs. King, who is a niece of Horace Greeley, and who used to live near Derry

Pennsylvania. On my asking her if she knew any of the Colegroves, she said that Sarah Colegrove was her second school teacher. That is strange, isn't it? A Mrs. Jackman, Mrs. Humphrey's mother, was also from near Leroy, and remembers some of the Colegroves, but not my mother. She knew Mrs. Childs, Mrs. Raymond, and think another.

This Mrs. King was, she says, the favorite niece of Greeley, and was in his home a good deal in New York. His last home, she says, was in Pleasantville.

I am going out into the Country this morning to take dinner with one of the members of the church here, a substantial farmer who is building a nice house. — I hope you are much better. I want to hear from you again. Will not write more now. With much love — Yours

Affectionately

Chapman, Kan
Nov 15, 1906

My Dear Aunt Mary:—
I will not take time to write a letter this time, but merely a word to inquire about you? I am anxious about you, having received no news since your letter telling of your sickness. Though you had got pretty well again, I fear that you may have suffered a re-lapse. So I write to ask how you are. Very likely a letter is already on the way from you which will allay my anxiety, I hope so, and that I will thus hear from you very soon.
I am having a pleasant

here. The people, I think, desire me to accept the work. Their attitude seems very favorable. I do not myself feel so very enthusiastic over it, but still think it somewhat probable that we will locate here. No more at present, will try to write more at length soon

With much Love,

Yours Affectionately

J. E. Smith

Chapman, Kansas.
Dec. 13, 1906.

My dear Aunt Mary:—

I have neglected writing for several days just at the time when our affairs have been uncertain, and I suspect you are in some perplexity as to my whereabouts, I have accepted an invitation to the pastorate here, and am on the field, though the folks are still at 1520 Clay Street. The parsonage is rented till April 1, and I am not sure that we will move till then. If house here for rent may possibly be the solution of the problem for us. A lady who has a large house and small family also generously invites us to come into the

rooms entirely free of charge, and she also invites me to live there on the same terms in case we do not move, the latter offer including board. I have never been received more cordially, - and indeed could not be. I am being made to feel thoroughly at home on every hand. The church was somewhat distracted and discouraged. But all seem now desirous of taking hold heartily and loyally. I think we will have a very pleasant work in Lafayette.

I have been here now every Sunday since November 14. I have been home twice in the meantime. I shall go home again the day before Christmas to stay three or four days. I may move before June (April), it will probably be about the beginning of year.

We have had nice mild weather nearly all the time, all fall, with

more moisture and more cloudy days than ordinarily at this time of the year. There has been some sickness, — a good deal among children. Our two little ones were suffering severely with cold a few weeks or so ago; and Edward had a bad earache, with a gathering that broke. They were pretty well when I came away last Saturday night, the 8th.

I am glad you are feeling so much better than you were awhile back. I hope the winter will not be very severe & that you will not feel it seriously.

One of our good friends of Onaga visited Helen for two or three days about three weeks ago, Miss Anna O'Meara. It happened to be when I was here in Chapman, so I did not see her. She is one of the forceful and efficient members of the Onaga Church, and was on her way home from Moline, Ill., where

she had been during the later illness and burial of her sister.

Edward is beginning to talk a little plainer. He can pronounce some sounds that he could not pronounce a little while ago. We think his tongue is all right, and he is as bright as can be. He is a very dear little fellow. Margaret has a genuine Everett look — or at all events I think so. At Christmas I suspect we will have our pictures taken — all together. Yaidee will be home, and we will all be there.

I hope I may hear from you soon. You may know sure, where to address me now.

With a great deal of love,

Your affectionate

Ete Everett

Our parsonage here is pretty roomy, and there will be plenty of room for you. We will want you to come and visit us when [illegible]

Smith Center, Kansas Nov. 7, 1907.

My Dear Aunt Mary:

Your letters of Oct. 30 and Nov 2, were forwarded to me here, and reached me yesterday morning. I would not be alarmed about the small pox. If one takes reasonable caution, he does his duty, and the less thought he gives the matter, I think the better off he is. We have had various small pox scares here in Kansas, the last few years, and I have learned not to worry over them. Reasonable caution and the pleasing assumption that all will be well, is the attitude I like to take. I am not sure that Edward and Mary have been vaccinated, We did not

and have it done, if it has not already been done, and I think it has not. The others have been, I think, hopefully mated.

I am sorry you have been poorly. I cannot drink coffee, either. I drank a cup about a year ago, and one about two and a half years ago. So you see my dissipations in that line are few and far between. Tea does not seem to affect me especially, except when I take to drinking it with regularity -, & too profusely.

I am sure you had a pleasant time at the Cyanara. I guess I wrote you of my attendance at our Central Association at Overbrook, 20 Miles South of Topeka, late in September.

The Presbyterian minister of this place is a classmate of Carroll's in Princeton Seminary; and they are intimate friends. He just received a letter from Carroll the [illegible]

and says that Carroll is still not (3
permitted to preach. I judge he
must have had a serious time. He
was to have been present at the meeting
of the Presbytery at Smith Center, in,
I think, October, but was not able
to attend.

You speak of the N.J. Mills cousins.
Do Cousin Jennie and Cousin Margaret
live together? Give my regards to them.
It is a long time since I have seen them,
I saw Cousin Jennie last when I was
home in '94, a little more than
13 years ago. Tell her that I would
greatly enjoy seeing her again. I can-
not recall Adah's name, nor where
she lives. I have been trying to think
whether her sister, Mary, is living.
All these years' absence leaves me un-
certain regarding some things that
I should know perfectly well. I am
glad the Geneseo Street Cousins keep well.
Some of these days I will get back

a visit and renew all these old acquaintances.

I have not heard anything for a long while about Cousin Wm. Jones and family, and would like to know of them.

Give my regards to Cousin Annie and the two girls. They are getting to be a numerous family branch, are they not?

I would like to be with you and take a trip up to the old house. I fear the house is now pretty much of a ruin. Do you walk up? It would be a joy to me to take that walk again, over ground every inch of which is sacred familiar, though now there are of course many changes.

Jennie Williams, I see, still helps you. Give my regards to her. What does Bertha do? Is she still teaching, and at home a part of the time?

The [illegible]

came yesterday. Through a misunderstanding, they were advertised to begin last Sunday. One young man, a helper Mr. Cliff, came and helped on Sunday & until the party could arrive. The party consists of Rev. W. E. Biederwolf, D.D., the chief spoke in the wheel, Homer Rodeheaver, singer, Howard E. Taylor, director of personal work, and organist and pianist, Mrs. Taylor, and Ray Y. Cliff, advertising agent, stenographer, and general assistant.

Biederwolf is himself a very strong, forceful man. We are expecting a great work. A preliminary expense of $500 or more added to the amounts that will be raised for the evangelists, will make the total money cost quite large. But all are apparently interested, or at least the ~~[illegible]~~ interest is quite general [illegible]

people & seem willing to give freely of their time strength and money. The meetings will close Nov 25. We have a tent 100 x 80 feet & it is proposed to extend it, making it 130 feet long.

I must now close. I trust you will be careful of your health & know as the cold weather comes on.

With very much love

Your nephew

J. E. Everett

Smith Center, Kan., 11-7-07

My Dear Aunt Mary: ——

Just after dropping my letter of today into the Post Office, I called for my mail and received yours of the 3rd. So I will write a few words more. Yes, Smith Center is in the Northern tier of counties, on the Rock Island, and is the County seat of Smith County. It is a very pleasant place of about 1300 people. There are five churches here, the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, "Christian" or Disciples, and our own.

I forgot to mention in my

letter of today ✕ a word about the condition of my back; — by which you may judge that it is not occupying a very large place in my attention. It is practically well again. I am not troubled with it at all now.

I hope that your election passed off satisfactorily on Tuesday, and that the town went "dry." I guess the women folks cannot vote on the question, as they can at our city elections in Kansas. Here in Kansas, we try to get out the ladies, and we carry our temperance tickets in this way. I shall be glad to learn how it came out.

Lovingly Yours

E. Everett

Smith Center, Kansas
Dec. 16, 1909

My Dear Aunt Mary! —

Your letter of the 11th, mailed the 12th, at 7:30 p.m. was received by me this morning, and while I think of it, I will thank you for the quotation from Lincoln. If I had had it last week, I could have used it Sunday, because it just fits into something I had in my sermon. However I will keep it among my clippings, and can use it some time in the future.

The churches here are having fine congregations now-a-days, better than they have ever before had. We had two fine, large congregations yesterday. We have an excellent class of people at the Congregational Church here, and

it is an inspiration to preach to them. However, when I do not think I have done very well, I am perhaps more inclined to feel it than I would be if the congregation were [illegible] and the [illegible] but that does not bother me as much as it did before the church had its business meeting and passed on my case. Because now I feel that I am not on exhibition.

I had a nice bunch of family letters in the mail this morning. One from your letter, one from Hattie, containing one from John, one from Chapman. Eva, Hattie tells, is teaching music in the Saginaw High School, enjoying her work. That is pretty near home all home you know. Merrill was only 21 miles from Saginaw.

Helen wrote, that Bertha from a friend Miss Bertha Crenshaw, did not make her visit with us after all, she was taken with a bad cold at the

she was visiting, somewhere east of us, and decided to hurry down to Wichita where her brother & wife live, also old Kiowa friends of ours.

Zadee had all summer expected a letter from Frank Thanksgiving week, but that also fell through. This one is Kathleen Hayes, one of the sisters with whom Zadee roomed one year in Eureka, and who is now a Sophomore in Washburn College. I gave her & Zadee lessons in Virgil one summer.

I have about decided not to go home at Christmas. I shall probably go for two or three days two or three weeks later. We are to have Christmas exercises on Christmas Eve; and on Xmas day, at 4 p.m., our choir will give a vesper service, a musical program, a sacred concert, in the church. I am not to be able to sell much in Topeka, certainly not a full car, but I think I

better be here through the holiday week. We have an exceedingly good choir. I think it an unusual choir for a place of this size. They have given two sacred concerts here before in the last year and a half or so, which are said to have been very, very fine. I will send you a program of this when they are printed.

I had a young fellow in my room a little while ago, & put to him the question whether he will not seriously consider the question of studying for the ministry. He is one of the best converts, and impresses me as a mighty fine young man. He is 18 years old, a junior in the high school. His mother died when he was a year old and his father married again, and four years ago followed the common practice and got divorced & [illegible] both his father & mother's people, however. The boy's people are good stock, and he has a good foundation

tion of intelligence as well as the
and more important qualities.
His mother's mother, lives a few miles
out in the country, & comes in to
the city in town with a son sometimes, &
is a very bright, intelligent, fine grained
soul.

I had a pleasant time yesterday
taking dinner & spending a little while
afterwards with one of our families;
Mr. Kingsbury. He is one of the
most active men in the church,
and has a pleasant family of wife
& three children, a thirteen year
old boy, an eleven year old girl and
a year old baby girl. He was one of
the prime movers in the meeting just
held. He and the Presbyterian min-
ister, McCullough, were indeed the
prime movers in getting them
started.

I have been out to supper once be-
fore this. I must go out for

an hour or so this evening, & I've
expect to spend two or three hours,
quietly, & I think ~~energetically~~.
I will write a letter or two, perhaps
write to Hattie, & read a little, but
as it is, Monday night, I will feel
free from care or the pressure of
a Sunday's preparation to disturb the
free play of my spirits.

Now, good night. I am glad
you are well, and rejoice to stand
the severe New York winter. We
have had a very fine mild fall,
this evening it is snowing, but
it is almost the first time I
had thought in the least of
the fact there has been any
If you are still at the Cruse
give my love to them. I am surprised
that my writing should look like a child's
pencil. I am sadly aware of my
chirography having grown careless. I
will write more carefully hereafter.
Yours affectionately
F. E. Everett

Smith Center, Kansas
January 9, 1908

My Dear Aunt Mary: ——

Yours of the 6th re[illegible]ying to mine informing you of my cal, is received. Thank you for your kind words. I feel that we will enjoy our work here. I think it is going to be a prosperous work.

We are hoping to be able to move in two or three weeks. A letter from Helen received this morning says she thinks we can move on the 22 or 23. She proposes having a man do a large part of the packing next week, and that I shall go there Monday night the 20th & that we shall leave Tuesday or Wednesday of that week.

There is a little repairing to be done on the parsonage before we move into

it but not very much. I think quite likely we may not try to move until the week following the one just mentioned. The week beginning Nov 26.

The parsonage is in the same yard with the church – to the left in the picture.

Little Margaret seems to be gaining, – though slowly. Her appetite appears to be not very good. A little letter from her accompanied her mother's this morning. I think the prospect of moving will cheer her up and help her to get well faster.

I don't think we had known that Bessie and her family were living in Utica. It is pleasant for her mother's & Grandmother's people to have her so near.

I hope Aunt Jane is still improving. Would like to see her and hear the girls'

I used the pastors book you sent me. and got good service out of it. I shall be using a more modest one now, as that is pretty well filled.

We have now, I think, about 205 or about that number of resident members.

One family move away this week reducing the number by five. - Just about 200.

At our prayer meeting last night 48 were in attendance,

Very lovingly Yours Nellie

J. E. Everett

South Hampton, Kansas
Jan 4, 1918

My dear Aunt Mary;

Yours of the 1st inst received
and I will take a few minutes
to answer it.

I trust that Margaret is improving
substantially, though she seems weak
and fragile yet. Helen writes the
little one is very nervous, and was
almost upset by the excitement of
two callers the other day. She has
having perfect ease lately & seems
accustomed to the work and to
getting stronger. But Helen said she
knew she must be more careful,
for she ~~must~~ be more cautious
than she was. I was not at home during the
time she was most afflicted by it but
I thought it was throughout her body
not a mere superficial trouble. I
understood it to be more than
nervousness. It was something like

[illegible] Ittwick, but myself, [illegible]
[illegible] the hill to move on to the
second

[illegible] to say we had trouble to get
back in Chapman. We have hitherto
not been able to get our washing [illegible]
[illegible], but Ellen writes that one of the
church ladies is going to do it, at
present till we get back to town. She
is one who always does something
to help us a little sometimes. She had
been ill a year ago, but got back to
[illegible] till quite late, till
glad to do it; and is a most
excellent woman, who will do what
she does well. She does not, Ittwick, wash
need to do such things, as she has so to
have in town to feed [illegible]
but she always [illegible] to help
us a few pence. After a week,
we could not get on, Ittwick, without
sending some, for one. Of course
we are hoping that she will Margaret will
improve shortly [illegible] she should not
in a reasonably short time, [illegible]

we might find a flat to let
her to Guy's Hospital, for she
+ do not want to have anything
like this to linger on for, for
fear she might be permanently weaken
in her constitution. But I feel con
fident that another two or three weeks
will greatly improve her. Poor Ethel
thought of nursing her, & go
for her. I have an impression that
she is somewhat susceptible to suggestion
and we are trying to have her think she
is getting better, + to keep her cheerful.
The [illegible] who have had Mary under
an elderly man + wife, next neighbours
are now both quite ill, and
Mary has been keeping a lot out,
+ I fancy it has seemed best
not to have her at present back,
Yes they keep the house quite clean,
and in the rooms they are using.
Helen's bed seems to be getting well.

You will have seen by the papers
weather [illegible]

being called Mr. Church. Jay
received at this. He did not feel
handy, at all Embarrassed at the
presence of the other candidate. He
is a very fine fellow. He got here
Saturday, did not go around to the house
badly at all, preached two ser-
sermons Sunday, and left
abruptly Sunday night. I had a
suspicion that he left so suddenly
because he had an idea that ~~Hein~~
his being here might influence the
element of competition, & being a
fine spirited man, did not
want anything like that to do.
A letter received by him this
morning confirms my suspicion,
There was first an informal
ballot, Neal, 80 votes were cast
— nine, I think, for Mr. Longren, & the
rest for me. Then there was
made unanimous for me. I am

advised with a number of our best
physicians, & decided some change
was necessary & our child that is
dearest will be likely to cause
no friction or embarrassment,
to. I have accepted the call,
and will want to move here as
soon as the parsonage is ready
enough for the purpose.

I do not know whether Mrs Bowles
can be got as Chaperon. I dont
think Margaret likes, Mallet Melk,
but she has. I suppose, must look
the other. Send me your letter
to Helen, & she can see what
the Bowles can be induced to do,

Your very good and sympathetic
loving letter is great, affectionately
does, me good to get it.

With very much love

P.S. I made a dog-ear to
keep where I was reading
in case I had this letter.
I thought perhaps you
would like to see
what I was reading. But
I shall tumble, and
after, perhaps, am
disposed to see how
many invisible lines
make a

Smithfield, Jan. 28. 1903.

Hy. Dear Aunt Mary.

I started a letter to you about a week ago but can't find it now. I am so busy all the time and tired that I am afraid I am a little discouraged. My sickness came on me in Logan on my way home and I got out of work tired and sick. To get into the rest at once and the weather was clear, bright & cold. Yesterday it was all rain and today it is cold and snowing fast & stormy. I think we will all feel better now and the sheep & cattle & chickens will be

have strength and ambition.
I have been doing up a little
fruit I put up twelve Cans each
of Peaches & Plums made a little
Jelly and have thirty four jars
of Tomatoes besides some Chow Chow
and other pickles made from the
tomatoes a Gallon or so of apple
butter so you see I have been
busy. I & you & the rest are
invited at Almeria Thursday and
will be gone until Friday.
Then the following week I will
try and have the bird supper as
I could not have it before as the
last was so cutting. Make me a
busy with the cooking and saving
the best for the last. Mrs

not yet any of my dear family except
M. E. Margaret is making a business and
Hannah is making something, Uncle
and I can only do what I can each
day and for a short while and I
will get stronger in time but the
Children are enjoying their visit
work I think pretty well. Edward is
doing nicely but yet is not talking
so very much pleasure. Now in my
busy time I think of the visit
we had with you and the visit
would draw on the evening of the
first day. We work ago Sunday
my request you in talk on our
last and decided it was not
it would be wonderful I read in

to the Presbyterian C.E.
to-night but little Mary and I will
take her. It is time with me as it
was with Mary Lewis
I can see no advantage the sleep
we were there for Education & Improvement
a little right for them, but getting
a little work in keeping with the
times very much it does seem
for the books underneath the desk
part. He kept up in his room
the most. up and write his lessons
after school. Mary we got a chair
for her one that is large enough
for the larger ones to use and she
is also very proud of this. I did not
know time I left you what the
conditions contained or I did not
have thought until after we

Left Utica. Howard has not been home yet but thinks he will soon in a few weeks. Mary says when we get settled to send a card & Aunt Mary and she said ask her when she is coming to see us. She does not forget you and talks of you a great deal and writes letters to you and Aunt Jane as well as Clara very often. The little darling is a source of joy to her all the time. Roberts has learned long poems and of course thinks he is a man.

Helen was interrupted at this point, and asks me to add a word. This is now Monday morning. We had both good services yesterday. We are now making quilts in

effort to build up our Christian Endeavor work & we think will have good results,

Helen is to have Dr. Halbert here to dinner, — He is a dentist and his family are away on a visit. He is a deacon of [illegible] church, though a young man. His wife is an Eufaula girl & she & them two small children have been here visiting.

We are planning to have our Ladies' Social meet here next Thursday. It meets every two weeks, usually at one of the homes. Supper is served at a charge of ten cents, and the men come at

Over

The afternoon is spent in work and a ~~two~~ missionary program, and at about 5.30 supper begins and continues till all are served. The men come dressing in & ladies who do not belong, until seven oclock or later. Generally the receipts are from six to nine dollars. Last time they took in about ~~11~~ eleven dollars. I was in the church that time. This time it will be at the house.

The weather is nice and cool since about last Thursday. Helen will write the next time.

With much love

Your Nephew

J. E. Emmett

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Smith Center, Kansas
JOHN EDWARD EVERETT
Minister

January 28, 1908,

My Dear Aunt Mary:

I have failed to write you since we got started from Chapman. We left there at 2.15 Thursday afternoon, and made better connections than we had expected, reaching here at 8.30 in the evening. Margaret's feet were very sore, and she could not have her shoes on. I had to carry her to the train & between trains, and from the depot here; but the distance was not short at any place. That night she suffered some, and the next night was good deal. Then Saturday morning she woke up, with no fever, & has had none since. She walks around, & is gaining. This morning she is getting her shoes on. She has not been out of our room yet. We are boarding at ~~a~~ another place from where we were, but she has not been out at all. We think she will gain steadily now. The trip did not

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seem to give her a cold.

Our goods have not reached here yet, but we have had them looked out & think the delay will not be long. We are comfortably situated here, having three rooms, with a bed in each room, - a folding bed in one of the rooms.

We had good services Sunday. Helen went out in the evening, Robert & Edward got started into Sunday School.

I received a nice letter from Uncle Eddie the other day, which I will try to answer today.

The weather continues mild, and I think it quite probable that it will be pleasant while we are settling, as we seem to have fallen upon a winter without a great amount of blustering weather. Robert has started into school.

Howard & Faidee were both home the Sunday before the folks started. Faidee had

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the girls there, but word from her once says he is better.

The ladies here have cleaned the parsonage, and all are very kind and cordial. There is a stud, in the church, and I will have a stove there & use the room. It is pretty small, but clean, large enough for my purpose. It has a shelf shelving with glass doors for books and will be very convenient.

The leggings came the day before we left, and are very nice, they are just the thing.

I will close now, hoping you are well. We will look for frequent letters from you.

With a great deal of love

Your Nephew
J. E. Everett,

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Feb. 13, 1908.

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

It is some time since I have written to you. We have been busy settling, and I have neglected some things that I have wanted to do. We have got things looking pretty homelike here now, and are beginning to feel that we can be free for our regular round of work. I have not been able to do much studying since we came, but will be able to begin my practical work again next week, I hope. Last week I had a funeral at a neighbor's, and burial was made about 15 miles away. That took an entire day. It was the only trip that I have out from Smith Center.

I am getting my study fixed ready for work. I have a [illegible]

It is a comfort that was in the church stood empty but which had been intended for that purpose. I hope to get a stove in tomorrow. The room is rather too small, but very cozy. It seemed that in planning the church there was a good deal of trouble in getting the study in at all, owing to the conditions under which the building had to be planned, and so a small study was the result. The old church building was of stone, and was knocked out the new building was built of it. The first

This evening I am late. I am writing. Jie [illegible] and rain between sixty four & sixty five dollars. The expense out of this amount will probably be less than two dollars. It didn't [illegible] will like a new house. People are all excited and

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Dear friends, There was a concerted plan ~~to send in~~ among the ladies, to send things in to us while we were settling - bread, butter, meat, biscuits &c, and for several days these things came in. On Wednesday night of last week, the 5, the ~~a~~ reception was given us in the church. It was a big affair, and satisfying about 150 people were in attendance.

Did I ever tell you that the Geographical center of the United States, is in Smith County. It is about 14 miles north of here. The U. S. Geodetic survey has been told a stone in the dirt to mark the place.

Margaret seems to be in fine trim. She has had about three

Mother twice since coming into the parsonage, but we noticed it was A in each case after exercise. She is getting a little of her old strength back, & the children are well. Helen took cold the day we were moving and getting settled and had sometimes like the grip, but she felt along all the time, and did not give up and go to bed at all, though she really should have done so.

Mary is as pleasure full of life as can be. Edward is a dear little fellow, who would be beautiful, handy if he could have a hammer & nails into & around all day.

I must now close. Write us & tell us well. Write often & as often as you can.

With much love
Your Nephew
Edward

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5-18-08

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

Your last letter came as I was mailing my last ~~to~~ to you at the post office. Perhaps you will be as prompt in answering mine as I am in answering yours. —

Thank you for your suggestion that you might possibly help us in our Eastern trip this summer. But I would not want you to do that at all, Indeed I would not feel right to have you do so, and would not want to accept anything from you

in this way. Do you succeed in keeping your money well invested? That is what counts and makes for thrift. I think there might be investments made out here on real estate at 6%. Kansas, a good numbers of years ago, was not supposed to be a very safe place to invest in, but all that is different now. Kansas is about the best place, in every way, in the world, and all is secure.

We cannot yet quite make up our minds about taking that journey East. If we do,

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Helen and the two babies and I will go. We are in some perplexity about leaving Robert with Zaidee. He is a very good boy; but a fourteen year old boy needs to feel that he is under authority, even if he is good; and he is not used to looking to Zaidee as a source of authority; though she is good & safe and would do the best that any girl could do. She has force of character, and they would all get along splendidly. But

still we feel that it might not be the wisest thing for them to be left in this way. Yet we may see our way clear. There seems no prospect of work for Roberts, which makes it worse.

I will not write much now. We are all in usual health and happiness. School was out last Friday. Chancellor Story of the University spoke to the ~~Sto~~ people at the commencement on the evening of the Baccalaureate service on Sunday night preceding, there was one of the great rains of the season, which nearly broke up the meeting which

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was in the Opera House. The meeting finally began about 8.50 and the sermon, by the Pres. minister, was 45 minutes long, and not very inspiring or interesting.

The memorial sermon this year is by the M. E. minister. These things are passed around, & the ~~Ot~~ Congregational minister has had his turn at both recently, it seems.

We had a very nice letter from Cousin Mary Ann Roberts last week with a cordial

invitation to stop with her for a visit if we go East. She continues quite frail. Miss McPhee is still with her, as she can not very well get along alone any more.

This is a bright bird singing Monday morning. We still have good congregations, fluctuating a little, of course, - but on the whole very hopeful.

Hope you continue well & trust to hear from you again soon With Much love

Your brother - F. E. Everett.

Smith Center, Kansas
11-14-08.

My Dear Aunt Mary: —

I was very sorry to hear today of your accident. And indeed we were all sorry. It is a pleasure, however, to know that it is no worse than it is, and that it is possible for you to be where you can have the best of care. The setting of the bone must have been exceedingly painful, but Fannie writes me that you were very brave, and I judge that you stood the operation very well. By this time you have some idea how bad the injury is, and how long it is likely ~~to last~~ that you shall be kept in the hospital. I suppose that you can sit up, and that you can be measurably comfortable. How is it in regard to this? Do you suffer a great

deal. I have never, you know, had the experience of a broken bone. I have always been pretty careful to keep my bones intact.

I have been thinking some today, since hearing of your accident, of Grandma's remarkable experiences with her bones. I have an idea that I remember seeing a doctor set a broken arm for her when I was quite a small boy. Then I was with her at a big meeting one rainy day in Morris Roberts church. I think it was in Morris Roberts church, when she fell and broke a bone. I think an arm. The porch was wet and she slipped on it. Again, I remember of her falling in her bedroom and breaking a bone. I think she stumbled on a rug. Then I was with her in the sleigh on the way to church one snowy Sunday morning when she had another accident. Just about

in front of the house the path left the road and turned into David Price's meadow, and proceeded on toward the church. Making this turn from the road to the meadow, the sleigh tilted hastily and Grandma was jerked sidewise and her thigh bone, I believe, was broken. I am not sure whether this was the accident from which she always after suffered, or whether it was the accident in the bedroom that made it necessary for her to use a crutch up to the last. I have just been writing a letter to Cousin Fannie, in acknowledgment of her letter communicating the news of your injury; and therefore I may have to cut my letter down a little shorter. Howard has been trying to write longer letters home since his recent visit. His mother noticed that while here, he took

quite long letters to a young lady in Topeka that he seems to think a good deal of; and she called his attention to the fact of his home letters usually being rather brief, at least a good deal briefer than those others. Since then he has lengthened out his epistles home quite perceptably. I am reminded of this by my hesitancy of why this letter may possibly be shorter than I would like to make it.

Are you able to write letters? Fannie did not tell me which arm is hurt.

On Tuesday last I mailed you the paper on our 7th End. which I finally succeeded in copying completely. I thought it

would reach you Thursday
night. That would be the day
you were taken to Attica; or
shall I say, more properly, the day
you went to Attica. I paid
full letter postage on it, and
it should, therefore, be forwarded
to you. I hope it may interest
you. Perhaps it may help you to
while away the time while
you are not able to go about,
— that is, an hour or so of
that time. In delivering it,
I read it quite rapidly, and
gave it thus in about 35 minutes,
or a little more. But
I suspect you will not read it
quite so fast, especially as
the handwriting is not so very

carefully executed.

Our life here has a sameness and tameness that forbids ~~that~~ any description of our experiences. Though every day has its interest to us, there is seldom anything to relate that would interest those who are not here and not acquainted here. Tomorrow we have a Fall Rally in the Church, with special services in the morning, and in the evening one of our members, Judge Pickler, of the district court gives an address on the poetry of the Bible. He seems to be a rather studious fellow, who likes, at times to study up ~~some~~ on special lines outside his profession

He promised me last (7
Spring that he would give us
an address on this subject
some time, but has never for
aroused to it till now.

We will have special Evangelistic
meetings, beginning on Dec 6,
They are expected to continue
two weeks. We have secured
the Evangelist for that length
of time.

I will now close, with a
great deal of love. I will
try and write often. All
send love. We hope you will
be out of the hospital soon. This
is as long a letter, probably, as I
might have written even if I had
not written the other. Yesterday I

The Topeka State Journal
FRANK P. MAC LENNAN

Topeka, Kans., August 26 1908.

My dear Aunt Mary:

We got to Topeka safely at 1:20 P.M. today. Howard had met an earlier train but before we reached the main part on a street car, he somehow saw us on the car and so we came together. We ate dinner with him and then Helen and I looked around in the stores for the few things we wanted to buy. We ate supper with the Wilcox's and are fixed up for the night in a good hotel. I have come down to the Journal office to spend a few minutes with Howard who has had some writing to do and now we are both going back to the hotel for a little visit with his mother. Howard is writing this for me at my dictation and is a very rapid writer

We had a pleasant journey. Edward and I enjoyed it very much, but the others got rather tired.

Bryan speaks here tomorrow night, but I fear that we will not be able to remain to hear him.

Howard sends his love with mine, and will write in a few days.

Most Affectionately Your Nephew,

J. E. Everett

Smith Center, Kansas
September 18, 1909.

My Dear Aunt Mary

I will write just a word this morning to let you know that we are getting along as usual. We are having some hot weather yet but with cool days interspersed, and pleasant nights for sleeping; so that on the whole the weather is very comfortable. Today is, thus far, nice and cool and it's now after ten in the morning.

On Tuesday of this week, we went to Athol, a town 8 miles West of us, to visit our Congregational minister and family there, Mr. Read. Helen & Mary and I went, going on the train at 10 a 11 o'clock & returning at six. The

Reeds have a family of seven boys all under 11 years of age, — an interesting family.

On Thursday I had a funeral of one of our ladies who had been in poor health for a number of years. We buried her 14 or 15 miles distant, so I spent all day in making the round. Helen did not go, as she is not very strong for such long drives.

Next after next our local (North-western) Association meets at Stockton about fifty miles South west, and a very hard to be reached from here, as the railroad connections are very poor. We will, some of us, probably manage to drive over the whole or a part of the way.

The children are at work in the

school. Roberts still working also in the depot ~~night~~ mornings before school, afternoons after school and Saturdays. He also has to be there Sundays about an hour or two in the morning.

Our congregations are coming out pretty well after the vacations - better than I feared they might. A young lady who has been an organist for a year or more goes next week to Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill, to ~~attend~~ take music and other things. The choir met Thursday night, and presented me with about 13 or 14 dollars, they had intended getting me some thing for me; but she seemed to possess almost everything

that a girl could be expected to care for; so they gave her the cash.

Write when you can.

In haste

With much love

Your Stephen

J. E. Everett

Smith Center, Kansas,
Sept 21, 1908.

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

for a week or more I have neglected writing you. I am sometimes that my regular work takes about all the time I have. Last week I was pretty busy though I did not seem to accomplish much. Next week I go to attend the meeting of our local Congregational association at Alma. Sixty-miles or so West of here. It is the Northwestern one I have a paper to read which will take some of my time this week. Indeed two papers. — one of which should be quite short but the other which will take perhaps a good

time as the other

We were glad Saturday to receive your good long letter

Helen is possibly having the measles with some sort of fever. At all events she feels much as she did once in Severy when the doctor thought she was coming down with typhoid. She is just able to be about, but we hope it will not become more serious.

Zaidee has just had a run of tonsilitis. Her throat broke Saturday afternoon. She did not have to be out of school at all though it was hard for her for a few days.

Thursday & Friday afternoons there was no school, on account of our Count, fair being in progress. That was a help to her.

The rest of us are well Edward seems to enjoy his school. He has already showed the signs of change that one generally sees when children begin to go to school. He is not near so timid as before. He would hardly go a block away alone for fear of dogs and other monsters. But now he goes to school and back, four blocks each way, and has no fear whatever. And he comes home alone & sometimes goes alone. His mother thinks he talks a little more plain.

Robert has insisted on putting on long pantaloons. So we got him a pair after getting home. Now we must get him a suit, because he has no coat suitable to go with the long pants.

Howard told us in a recent letter

of having written you, and you
mentioned it in your last. I
am glad he did not neglect doing
so. He is like the rest of us in
that matter I fear. Though he
writes home very faithfully, and
regularly, scarcely missing
a week.

We have had hot dry weather here
since our return.

A week ago last Sunday—
that is a week ago last night—
I read a paper before my church
on our Eastern trip. If I can
get the time to copy it off I
will send you a copy. It is not
in very readable shape as it is,
as I have interlined some.

I suppose it will be more fun
than you should assume to have
Margaret with you for the whole

though I am sure you would take good care of her and that she would enjoy being with you. She seems to enjoy her school. She does not take very kindly to Arithmetic, but does well in other things. She likes to read story books & we have had to discourage this lately because of her eyes. She has headaches daily sometimes. And we are not sure but it is from her eyes: — indeed we think it is.

She got into "Little Women" lately and it is a treat, but such! but it is in two parts, and we finally prevailed on her to give it up for the present at the end of the first part.

Margaret says she thinks the school

doors all open outwards.

Helen means to write – you, but she has been so poorly, and busy that she seems to have written "She has had to rest quite a good deal".

Helen thinks she knows of [illegible] and we will send it.

I will now close

With a great deal of love –

Yours affectionately,

E. [illegible]

Smith Center, Kansas
Nov 16, 1908,

My Dear Aunt Mary: —

Another communication came this morning from Cousin Fannie, saying that you were at the time of writing doing nicely, That was Friday, the day after your arm was set. I hope you continue thus, I think you are likely to get along well under the good care that I am sure you are having. Indeed, I almost believe you will find your hospital experience rath-

enjoyable, as you can. I hope, use your time a good deal as you like, visiting at times with others there, and returning to be by yourself when you choose to do so. Do you have any idea how long you will be there? I suspect the healing process may be somewhat slow. Do you have a great deal of pain?

I wish we were near enough to drop in occasionally to see you. But I am glad that the case is not so bad as to call us to visit you, whether far or near.

We had two quite good and novel services yesterday, as the programs I sent you Saturday indicated. In the

morning we had a prayers meeting with five our members taking part with prayers & addresses. The ladies, four of them, had their ideas written down, & they read their papers & the men. Mr. Makin, spoke off hand. The meeting was good and interesting. Our prayers meetings hitherto have been addressed by men entirely; - with one exception, however, when two young ladies took part. We are glad to get the ladies to take part yet.

In the evening Judge Pickett gave a good address on the poetry of the Bible.

We are also each week, latterly making especial effort with our

service. We had a good meeting last night, with the program that you see on the folder.

We feel that our work is keeping along pretty hopefully. Our congregations are not so large as for some time after the great revival, but for the most part they are keeping up pretty well. We usually have a pretty good attendance and an attentive hearing.

With a great deal of love,

Yours truly,

J. E. Everett

Smith Center, Kansas
Feb 27, 1910

My Dear Aunt Mary:-

Your letter of the 22nd, with additions later, has just come. We had a great storm here on Sunday last, the 25th. It snowed from early in the morning & I think, and continued all day, & perhaps late into the night. It blew very hard also. It was a regular New York storm. I do not remember seeing its like in Kansas. There were deep drifts all about and I had a good deal of shoveling on Monday. The trains were also extended, and have not got to running regularly yet. This (Tuesday) afternoon we got the first mail from the East, except a small amount that came last night. Your letter came in the belated lot this after-

noon. Our storm was not a cold one. The thermometer not going below 20° above, I suppose, till after the storm subsided. It seems that about a foot of snow on the level fell. Our rural mail carriers have not been out yesterday or today.

The house that David Griffith has bought must be the John Ivy Log house. I remember when it was built. Mrs. Jones came to see Uncle Lewis' house, and modeled the new house after that. That is my recollection of it at all events. I was just a small boy. I remember when John Ivy Log was baptized. He was an old man then, or at least he seemed to be such to me, though I think he lived a number of years after that. It was in the Spring of 1879. He

was immersed by Rev. Mr Babcock, pastor at that time, of the M.E. Church in Remsen. The immersion was in the creek in the village.

I am sorry to learn that Emma Davis has been poorly. I would remember when she and I were playmates in the Fullers school; and also when Henry and I were in the Remsen school together under Horace O. Farley. I think the teachers in our district when Emma and I went there together was Jennie Owens. Both she and Mr. Farley have now passed from earth.

I received a nice letter from Cousin Jennie a short time ago. I had sent her a picture of Robert's

Christmas and her letter was a response to that. In reply I wrote a letter to her mother, as I was told that she likes to get letters though she does not write much more.

Roberts' eyes finally got quite bad, and he went to a good physician in Berlin who, after examination, refused to do anything saying that a specialist must be consulted. He (as near as I can report to us) said that there was nervous weakishness, astygmatism, and a little pyramid shaped piece entirely missing from one of the pupils. Roberts made an appointment with the specialist

recommended in Cleveland,
Dr Landers, (a Lander. - I am
not sure whether it is a u a an n.)
The last letter we received told of
his meeting the appointment,
and getting glasses. It was
a week ago Saturday that he
went; and his examination was
at 10 o'clock that morning
when drops were put into his
eyes. He suffered a severe
headache afterwards till the next
evening when he wrote us. The
glasses had got also hurt his eyes
badly, but he hoped that he would get
adjusted to them. He is to go back
to Cleveland every two weeks for a

We have heard nothing from him since then, but think we will surely hear in a day or two, as we have been hearing all the time, at least once a week & quite often twice. We feel badly about the eye trouble; but hope that when the glasses are finally properly adjusted he may be able to go along with his studies without being seriously hampered.

Our meetings were very fine and in some ways quite satisfactory. There were not many accessions resulting, but the meetings did the church good. The preacher, too Dr. H. A. Tucker of Fort Scott, is a man of fine

spirit whom all admired,
We had bad weather during about
half the time the meetings were
in progress, which we thought
was a hindrance. We will
receive in all, about 1 1/2 inch
members, and quite large,
this is a result of the Meetings
though I think not entirely;
six of these are under 14 years
of age, one only about 8. Two are
a young man & his wife, he
making a profession of religion
for the first time now, & she
coming by letter from an M.E.
church here. They join us partly

because it is his choice &
both because she has not
felt quite at home in the
M.E. Church.

I must now close. I hope
this will find you as well as
you were when you wrote the
letter we have just received.

Write when you can. We are always
very glad to get your letters.

When your letter comes in the mail
it seems different from other
envelopes that come in the mail
box. With much love as ever

Your Nephew
J. E. Everett.

Smith Center Kansas,
January 19, 1912

My Dear Aunt Mary:

We were very glad to receive your letter yesterday morning, but sorry to know that you had been worrying about us during the recent cold weather. The old settlers say that there had not been such cold weather continuously for so long a time before; but then I think that people forget just what the past seasons were. However our weather station at Topeka declared our cold spell to be the severest on record; tho I suppose it was pretty bad. We did not suffer, as we had plenty of coal in the coal house; and a plenty in town if we had needed it. I thought that if the extreme cold should continue un- til February, our coal would be exhausted

Then came threats of a coal famine (2)
here; so we got some extra coal
and now have enough to last
late in the Spring if not all that we
will need until warm weather.
In some parts of the State West and
South West, there was suffering,
both of people and stock.

We have had snow on the ground since
December 20. It has been thawing a
little in the sun for a day or two.
One good Kansas day would make
the snow go fast; and quite likely it
may not be with us much longer,
though two years ago we had snow
from November until about March
1st. a very unusual thing.

I was glad to receive the letter you
enclosed from Cousin Jennie.

I believe I wrote you of intending to
go to Stockton the first of January & hold
with meetings there. On account of the
cold weather the meetings were deferred
so I have been at home. We are expecting

to begin a series of evangelistic meetings in our church on the 4th of February. We are to be assisted by a Dr. H. A. Tucker, our pastor at present at Fort Scott, and one who has been exclusively in evangelistic work for a number of years.

The children have thus far been quite well this winter. One or two little colds have been in evidence; but nothing to be called serious or to give trouble. We keep Edward and Mary out of school a half day or day occasionally when we think they need the rest. Margaret seems well these days. For the past year she has been stronger than for several years previously. She is developing into a woman, and we are glad to see her health apparently improved.

I hope Roberts is doing well. We have been hearing from him often. He seems to be getting interested in his work. I am glad he called on

Dr. Jones. He did not mention it in his letter to us. I wish he had called on Dr. Cross; but quite likely he did not do so: as a young fellow like that feels a shrinking from calling on strangers. I would, at his age, have been quite unlikely to make such a call. He is working now in a hotel as waiter, and getting his board and room for about 4 hours work each day.

Later: A letter from Robert has just come. He has been writing two or three times a week most of the time. He complained of his eyes troubling him in his last letter but says nothing in this, so I suppose they are better. He thought he would have to be fitted for glasses again, as the trouble seemed to be like his first trouble about 6 years ago. He has had no trouble for more than four years before, & has not worn glasses in that time.

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It is time for me to get to work in my study and I must now close. I am very glad you are keeping so well this winter, I hope you may continue to be well for the rest of the season.

With a great deal of love

Your Affectionate Brother

J. C. Emerett

1820 Clay Street,
Topeka, Kan., Oct 13, 1906.

My Dear Aunt Mary:—

I came home Wednesday, having heard the latter part of last week that Edward and Mary were quite sick. Edward had some breaking out on his face with swelling, and he also felt pretty bad, in other ways. On reaching home I found them both pretty well again. Indeed, I had received a telegram meantime, saying that they were better, but I had got my head set by that time, in the direction of home, and so came anyway. I shall remain until about next Wednesday, when I expect to return for a short time, probably for not longer

than a week or two. I am hoping to visit a church with a view to settling permanently before very long — probably not later than November 4.

I find that the children have grown some during the summer, and that they have improved; Robert is quite disappointed because he had to be put back a grade in his school, on account of the Topeka schools being graded to a higher standard than the Dewey schools. But he is a half a year ahead of most of those who used to be in the same classes with him when we were in Topeka before. He would have been admitted in the High School here, as it is, with some conditions, but the superintendent said that he was to

very likely get the start of Edward in this respect.

Helen has just called my attention to a picture of Robert taken when he was three years old — a picture in which he is leaning over the back of a chair, and we think it looks enough like Edward now to be his picture.

Helen tells me that she wrote you in a recent letter of our hope that the Wellington church might open to us. We have been looking for this since last April. Our Superintendent, Dr. Hargis, who has met with, has oversight of Home Missionary work, but not, as a part of Burden between ministers and churches, has had this in view and the retiring pastor of Wellington has also suggested me to the church there. But it has not seemed wise for

young ladies that. Margaret has also been put a grade below where she thinks she belongs. She is getting now so that she can read simple books herself. She has now a library book from the city library which she is reading. She is a very sweet, fine little girl, with good disposition.

Edward does not talk plain yet, I can not understand only about a half of what he says. He is bright and active, and will get around to his speech after awhile.

Little Mary is a very sweet, pretty girl. They tell me that she has cried pretty nearly all summer, but it has evidently not disagreed with her seriously for she is plump and healthy looking, and is developing in a very way. She tries to talk, and we think she will

him to resign till recess. His resignation was accepted this week Wednesday; and we are expecting an invitation for me to visit the church for a month as a candidate. I may not be asked to do this but rather expect it during the next few days. Then after that, it is of course uncertain what anything further would come of it all. For some reasons we would like to go there. There is a good high school there as well as good schools lower down. It is a town of some advantages, though the church is not counted among the foremost in the state, it wants much better in some ways than anything we have yet had.

I ought to return to Fuchow for the 21, and in all probabil-

will do so. There are some members to be received into membership there, and that is the regular Congregational Sunday there.

Howard yesterday brought clippings from the Hutchinson papers telling of the marriage of Cousin Charlie. Farwell performed the ceremony, and Uncle Eddie and Aunt Mate were there, but none of the rest of the family.

I must now close. Shall be glad to hear from you again soon.

With a lot of love

Your brother

J. E. Everett.

My Dear Aunt Mary:

I want to see you very much. I am lonesome for you. Mary is awful naughty. Ogga was with Papa down town and mailed Mary's picture to you. We are all, all right. Mary has been getting in a pool and playing in the water. We have got a stove up. Ogga has been helping Mama clear off the table. Roberts beats the boys. A man brought us Howard's trunk. Howard gave me some time table books. Mama is making some flour pan cakes. Mama made some cake. Mama is making a coat for Margaret. Baidee wanted the Fuzz Budget book, to read to her. We

got a picture rack. That Miss Budget book is good. Roberts has been reading it to us. Papa got me an A.B.C. book. Papa got Margaret a little bit of piggie. We got an old broken chair. Howard brought up two pretty Indian pictures. I shut Howard up in the closet, and Howard shut me up in the closet. I have to tell that Margaret is a good girl because she teased me. Mary has been playing peek-a-boo with papa. Mary is playing peek-a-boo with Mama. Roberts fixed the old hammock. (It's all broken now, and no good.) I would like to see you. Mama gave me that old, old clock.

Your loving nephew
Edward Everett.

I helped the dishes for mama sometimes.

South Lecutta, Kansas,
July 20, 1912

My Dear Aunt May:—

We received a letter from Roberts this morning, and he says that by the tone of a letter received from you, he is afraid you are going to write Mr. Stinges, showing your interest in what he is doing for Roberts. He wishes you have not done this and will not do so. He says Mr. S. is a very sensitive on such matters, and Roberts feels that it would be better to have nothing more said to him. I have a good mind to enclose R's letter. It sounds pretty positive, & possibly a trifle blunt, but you will un-

derstand that he is writing with freedom to his parents. I believe I would say nothing to him of having heard from me about the matter. He, too, is averse to having his affairs discussed too much. I do not know but this is natural. A good many people are that way. I think I am myself.

I rather suspect that A. may visit you after the close of the Summer term which is about the middle of August. The Fall term does not begin till about Sept 20. If he gets work in Ky, he will stay there; if not, he ~~will~~ will probably go to you.

I have had a nice letter from Prof. F. M. Burdick & one from Rev.

Anthony Evans, in reply to my letter. Both are out of the city - not to return till September. Prof. Burdick's son is in the city however. He is also on the law faculty of Columbia, & is teaching in the summer School there.

I have written to Roland Williams and to Cousin Josephine.

I have thought of Dr. Finch and Miss Ray. But it is so many years since I have seen or heard of them that I hardly think it worth while to try to hunt them up. Dr. Finch would surely be quite advanced in years by this time. He seemed to me almost an old man 38

years ago, in 1874, when he examined me on the multiplication table to see where to place me when I entered the 4th Sheet School.

I would not send you Roberts' letter if I thought it would make you feel badly. But I am sure you will understand, - both how he might write such a letter to us in the family, and also how he feels about the whole present situation.

We are about as usual. Our 7-day Chautauqua begins on the 4th a week from tomorrow.

I have a vacation through August. I will not go anywhere in particular & do not need a ~~vacation~~ vacation, but our experience here convinces us that the church pulls to the work better in the fall if there is a few weeks cessation in the hot weather. As from my point of view, the object this year is primarily to give the church a vacation, though it would not be gracious to put it so bluntly to our people, because they are of course kind to be willing to give me a good vacation ungrudgingly, each year.

home. he had let the matter slip. I think he will try to write when he gets to feeling settled in New York, & gets a little caught up in his work, as he was a few days late in entering.

I will now close. We are as usual in health here. Edward is out in the country for a few days, rusticating.

Write when you can

With much Love,

Your Nephew

J. E. Everett

I shall be away for the (6
most part. I think Sunday,
– visiting. I think, some
neighboring Conquegaloud
Churches. On the first
Sunday I will. I suppose
stay at home & attend the
Chautauqua.

Write When you can

Very Affectionately

Your Nephew Brother

J. E. Everett

Smith Center, Kansas
July 18, 1913

My Dear Aunt Mary:

Your letter of the 16th came today; also one from you to Helen that she sent me.

No, you do not need to help us out on this trip; We are going to get along all right. Thank you most heartily, however, for your generous offer.

Recent letters from Helen make it seem impossible that we can reach you till the following the 3rd. Possibly we may not get there till Wednesday, the 6, though, I think it will be on the 5. Had no idea of being late than Saturday the 2nd

but Helen says I will have to ~~start~~
stop at Mill Glazier a day or two,
and a letter from him makes it
rather evident that I must do so.
So that will delay us till after
Sunday.

I would very much like to have
Roberts go to Wales to our ancestral
spot; but as it would probably in-
crease his expense I cannot
urge him to do so. I very much
wish however that it might
fit into his plans.

I will write more now

With Love

Your Nephew Brother

J. E. Evans

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Mr. O. T. Beeson, Cashier,

Osawatomie, Kansas.

My dear Sir:--

Our next installment of rent from the farm will not be paid until early in November, and I wish to have the privilege of deferring payment of the note until after this rent money is received. I had intended doing what little business I had at Osawatomie at your bank, but I rented the farm this year through an agent, who had the notes made payable at the F. and M. Bank. I will attend to the note as soon as I learn of this money being paid.

I may say that my mistake in overdrawing my account was one of the results of renting the farm through an agent and not directly. The terms were somewhat different from those of preceding years, the first payment being in November instead of earlier in the year. I had not paid especial attention to that provision and had forgotten it and so presumed there was plenty of money in the bank. However, I think I am getting a better rent than if I had done the business myself.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Ewart

P.S. Let me know please, whether it will be all right for me to defer payment till the rent money is paid in November. J. E. E.

All right. Hope you can have the business transferred to us again upon your return. O. T. Beeson

Hamilton College

Clinton N.Y. Dec 11, '85

My Dear Ones at Home:-

I have neglected writing to you more than you have to me lately. In another week I shall be at home I presume. Our examinations begun today. We have just had one in Tacitus' History of the Germans and Life of Agricola. (Latin translation) We have Greek tomorrow and on Monday and Tuesday we have Greek Testament and German respectively. Next term we do not have Latin or Greek, and I believe there is only one term more in which they are compulsory branches. I am not sure that there is even that. They are elective afterwards.

Mr Carpenter died quite suddenly Wednesday night of heart disease He had been sick however since Tuesday afternoon. The funeral is tomorrow at two o'clock

What have you decided about a stove. Shall I do anything about it in Utica. I think we ought to have one. I you desire I will see Mr Crossix and try to get one like that.

I am quite interested in little Eva Elizabeth. I began a letter to Hattie the evening your letter came with the news. but did not finish it, I intend to write her however. Give my love to her if you write and my sincere good wishes for the baby. and my love to Lizzie and the children as well as to Uncle Butler

. hope to hear from home before I start to know whether you have a stove or not

With Love Eddie

Remsen, N.Y.
July 15, 1889.

My Dear Father and Aunts: —

"Procrastination is the thief of time"; "time is money" Ergo, I have suffered myself to be robbed of an enormous amount of sordid wealth during the course of my lifetime. But it is more to the point just now to say that procrastination has delayed my writing to you for, I think it must be, about a month, and to tender my heartfelt regret for such remissness. However I did write briefly, once, but you did not see the letter. I fear Aunt Anna found it among a pile of letters some two or three weeks after it was written

and it is around yet. I will not send it now, however, as it was simply to inform you of my leaving New York, written hastily on the day I started.

I did not tell you anything about my last two weeks in my Sunday work. When the Seminary closed I did not have much to do and had to stay a month to complete my Engagement at the Girls School. Well I taught in the Colored Sunday School during that time, & did some calling for new scholars. The Superintendent desired me to stay three Sundays after the close of the Lenox Ave work, which would keep me in the city between two and three weeks longer. He spoke to Dr Terry, the pastor of the church, who said that I might stay and that I should be paid for it.

So I took a room in East 39th St. and devoted myself to new visiting. I succeeded in getting about 25 new scholars in two weeks. I got thirty-five dollars for my work. It was really two weeks work and three Sundays.

A few days before starting home, I had an offer of a church in Buffalo, N.Y. for the Summer. It was for a minister who is spending his summer in Europe. The compensation was fifteen dollars a week with use of the parsonage library, and room in the parsonage. But I had promised Aunt Anna to be home the greater part of the Summer, and so refused it, promising to go in August if it should be necessary; but it seems now very likely that I shall not be needed, as the man who

bent there likes it & may stay as long as any one is needed.

I suppose I shall board with Hattie and Holden next year. Hattie's health is not very strong, but if she is strong enough, that is the understanding.

I boxed up Aunt Mary's books, or rather tied them strongly with ropes (for they were boxed) and had Mr. Winston's men to take them to the Freight Depot.

Seth Jones is upon a vacation. You know he has been in New York for three years or so. He has changed so one would hardly recognize the same person in him. He is a very nice appearing fellow now.

As all the rest of the people here are writing, I will content myself with a single sheet, though I intended to write a long letter when I did get at it. So good bye now — Affectionately E. E.

P.S. to J. E. E's letter:

My text of last night - I will tell you. I did not say anything about the sermon because I thought the others would speak of it. My text was in Mark 14:45. "And ~~he~~ kissed him". Short, is'nt it? The subject was Judas betrayal, which was consummated by his kiss. I felt better satisfied with it after it was all over than with any other sermon I have preached, both as to material and my freedom in delivery. I wrote it last week, finishing it Thursday, excepting two or three paragraphs which I wrote Sunday. It took twenty seven or twenty-eight minutes to deliver it, so I was told.

I cut down the plum trees at the end of the garden this afternoon. It

is an improvement.

You would be surprised and pleased to see the back cellar now. Though the season has been wet, the cellar is dry as you could wish it, - even near the outside door, where it was always wet. This is the result of the drain which Aunt Hannah had made last Spring.

Frankie is getting to be a large girl, - and she is a nice, sweet child too. She is going home with her Aunt Louisa to Frostburg, Md. in a few weeks, to spend a year. I hope it will be a profitable as well as pleasant year for her. She is keeping a diary this year and is writing in it now.

Her teacher last year was one of my class-mates, - the salutatorian of our class, Charles Law of Rome. She will go to school in Maryland next year.

Sedan Ks. May 16, 1890

My Dear Ones All:—

I reached here on time about seven oclock this morning, after a pleasant ride. I had a good seat in a reclining chair car, and slept some, — two or three hours, I suppose.

As I stepped off the car, an elderly gentleman stepped up to me, and asked if my name was Everett. I didn't deny it. It was Mr Cadwell. He had corresponded with me. I was not sure that I had written when I would be here exactly, but thought I had. I wrote before coming from New York. There were three other gentlemen at the depot

of the Presbyterian church, whom I met immediately. one of them a Mr. Davis, who took me to Mrs. Crouse's to breakfast. Mr. Crouse has a nice residence. He is in business here. I have not yet learned what it is. They seem to live very nicely. They have secured a place for me to board at the hotel. but I am to stay at Mrs. Crouse's today, and this evening the church people will "call on me socially" so I have been informed.

Sedan is a place of about 1000 inhabitants, - apparently a nice quiet little town. It is eight miles from the state line. Arkansa is about twelve miles away

Mr. Crouse informs me.

This is a beautiful morning here. I did not rain much here yesterday. But the Spring has been rather too wet on the whole the tells me.

I am writing at the Post Office. & must write to Aunt Anna. so will close. Mrs. Crouse is very nice. and insists that I must go to bed pretty soon. & have a nap. after my ride.

Affectionately
J. E. Meeks

Patterson House.

F. A. Patterson, Prop.

Harper, Kansas. Nov 5 1890.

My Dear Father and Aunts:-

I wonder whether you are having such nice weather as we are. It is dry and delightful most of the time. I wish Aunt Anna was down here for the Winter. There are a number of people here in this locality who have come from the East on account of lung troubles & have become much better.

The Republicans are feeling blue this morning in Harper County. The County ticket seems to have gone for the Alliance candidates, and as they have not yet heard from other parts of the State, they are somewhat depressed. I think, however, that they have no idea that the Alliance ticket is so strong in other localities. But they are ~~so~~ in fear that Robinson is elected. They have had a hot fight down here.

I have a wedding ceremony to perform a week from today. It will be my first. It is to be in the Church. Four Hundred

invitations have been issued.

If Father wants me to go to Kansas City with him, I think I can go almost anytime: whenever he is ready. The Elders of the Church at Harper have spoken something about holding especial meetings for two or three weeks, sometime during the Fall or Winter, & the Anthony Church has thought of it too, If this should be, my time would be taken up during that time but excepting this, I shall be glad to go anytime. #

Have you heard anything from Robbie?

My health is very good.

Affectionately
J. Eddie

Ransom July 20 '80

Dear Aunts:

Your letter received this evening. I have decided that I had better take your advice and not go to Kansas this summer. I think myself that it would be better for me not to go. Perhaps I can go before long that is before I get out of college. What do you think of me being a civil engineer. To be one I suppose it would be necessary for me to take a special course. The course at Cornell I think is four

years. and I think that the
course of the School of Mines
at Columbia College is of the
same length. I am at the
Post Office so cannot write
a very long letter

Copies of letters sent to friends and relatives who take an interest in the Church.

Mexico, Nov. 21, 1882.

Dear Aunts:

I was very glad to receive yours of the 27, since the "nectie" a few days before. The tie is very pretty and suits me to a te.

I got a hymnbook and sent it to the proper address when at home. I got the P. O. Directory right and put the spoons and C C back all right. Have you heard how little is? They did not think he was cording down with it. However I believe, he thought they would move about the last week in April. I could not tell him.

I kept an account of all my expenses this time

go down to Aunt Jane's so did not go, and when I got to the village Ecov. Davies was not in the office and I did not see him.

I suppose I cannot go to Bristol this spring. You asked me what I thought of it. — We have this week taken in a little stock of provisions possibly enough to last nearly two weeks. We bought a bu. of potatoes @ 80¢ 2 pounds butter @ 32¢, 6 ½ " " pork " 10¢ and some lemons for lemon pie. We keep an act. of what each boy eats and will make them pay for it at the end of the term — and very likely once or twice before then. More

bought the first supply
before I came, and I
paid for the things
this week. The lady we
board with Mrs May was
to let Mrs. have his pota-
toes. but many of them Mrs
she is afraid she will not
have any to spare. — I
have about $1,80 left
counting a dollar I lent
Mrs this week to wait till
he received some more.

We bought a cord of
wood a day or two after
I came. At being an even
2 we each paid half.

I expected that the
classes am in will
read (ex-ro's four rations
against 6 during
in Jack about 10

chapters of Xenophon's Anab-
asis this term. I like Cicero
very much but Anabasis
not so well. There are
a number of scholars that
take lessons in Oratory. They
are taught a little time
Friday Evenings.

I do not stay in the
Academy building only when
I recite; most all are allowed
to study in their rooms. As
I am so near the school I
do not have to start till the
bell rings.

Ora Carroll and
Charlie going to spend the
coming vacation of the school
if they are what are they
to do at. I wish they could

Mexico Ny Mar 27/82

Dear Aunts;

I am expecting a letter from you tonight and think it no more than fair that I should send one back in advance. This is a very pleasant village containing many fine houses. It is rather larger than I expected to see as I did not know exactly how much space would be occupied by 1200 people. There are five churches here I believe. Sunday morning my roommate, Warren Moore and myself went to the Methodist Church. They have a very smart minister there, and

we had a very good sermon. In the evening I went to the Presbyterian church with Johnny. He attends ~~that~~ there. Both places are very finely finished and furnished inside — both having fine organs. I attend to Sunday School in the morning. I think I will get along very nicely in my studies. Both the Latin and Greek classes are ahead of me in proficiency, but by really close studying I think I can keep up with them. In the Latin class there are about 9 or 10 — in the Greek not so many. The Greek comes the first thing in the morning — the Latin the last thing and writing the letter

thing in the afternoon, each recitation occupies three quarters of an hour. I begun the writing today and think I will improve by it. Fanny boards in a pleasant place, and I should think in a pleasant family. She has a front room down stairs and the one above it up stairs. I have a front room up stairs, on the other side of the same street but several ~~xxxx~~ rods West. I like my room mate very much. He is very intelligent steady and pleasant. We have first rate board — good bread, and butter potatoes meat — coffee, and (We neither) we drink tea or coffee I have not yet acquired

much here yet, — with only a few of the Students.

I cannot take time to write more now.

With much love

John Carr Everett

Melica Ky April 12, 1882

Dear Aunts

I have not much to write, but think perhaps a little will be acceptable. This morning we had quite a snowstorm, but the sun is taking the snow off now pretty fast. The weather has been very pleasant a good part of the time since I have been here. Before it is cold spell the grass will begin to look green, & the trees quite crisp. — The time passes very pleasantly with me, and very swiftly. I manage to keep up with my classes pretty well. I pride myself that I do better than some of them

yet & feel that Things are not
quite as they should be & I
mistrust as I do not do
as well as the best. Some of
the students are studying
very hard this term — es=
pecially those of the graduating
class. There is one boy in
our class that is constantly
to get up at 3 o'clock or
thereabouts in the morning
to study. He gets it
early however. He gets up
from 4 to 5.30 or 6 and retires
at 7. — There is to be
a stereopticon entertainment
here tonight on Palestine
There was an entertainment
in the place last evening
also, given by Clinical Lectures
I did not go last night &
probably shall not go

tonight (especially as my purse contains at present just 2 ¢.)

The Students have a prayer-meeting every Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Academy hall

The Professors and Tutors attend one of the meetings and are led by someone chosen by an executive committee. The Reading Society has not met this term. The students are so busy that literary exercises are to be had this term except at the close.

There is a Tent of Rechabites here quite flourishing I should think. No liquor is sold in Amherst here but liquor is sold

Hope to hear from home soon. Katie before

long. What did they speak
at the closing the rise of
the School. I surprise Margie
was not there to read
her Essay

I have nothing more to
write now.

Truly Your Nephew
John Edw Everett.

Aberdeen, Miss. Nov 14,

My dear Aunt.

I have not yet
at home. Sorry I did not
write sooner. I
was in Jackson. Spent
from Wednesday
noon, a great deal
pleasantly with
Cousin Jennie. I have had
intolerable
of the
I have
Mary
Jackson
in fact there,
only one
Thursday
Hey

that I [illegible] to
[illegible] on [illegible] to
[illegible]. When I got back
I went to pay him & found it
out of the [illegible] that I should
on that bill and offered him
4, but he [illegible]
[illegible]
might [illegible] the [illegible]
more to [illegible], so thinking that
Leather might need it I
kept it. [illegible]
O. K.
Some of [illegible] will not be able
to make [illegible] come from
when I was [illegible] I would like
Grant to have my photo
taken before I go home. I have
[illegible] my photo
and [illegible]. Let me [illegible]
me [illegible] in [illegible]

I did intend to have a photographer come out and take our "Log Cabin" but have not had the time. He would come and give us a dozen photographic views for $3. I want to try to get the likeness of the members of our family. The photographs that I took of you we were to have and did not come out. We had a good time all around. I had the laugh on the boys. Jo's feathers was ruffled but he did not feel badly enough to go. If you had of Major Williams' [illegible] members being in. As the [illegible]

town, and Nancie [illegible]
Dave him [illegible] the Corp. Anna!
a large room with [illegible]
[illegible] They find a home
[illegible] and then
with one exception, they are old
settlers and were acquainted
with Smithers [illegible]
Mrs Wheeler and Mr Smith
also Mr Ford.

Have you considered
plans for [illegible]
Dee reads that I would
to come home [illegible]
thing is that we might
try to make [illegible]
for the future. [illegible]
[illegible] matter
helicopter. Have you any plans
of [illegible]?

Have only a very slight idea that is I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at Lawrence about 45 miles NW from here in the County adjoining Douglas Co. It is a town of some 7000 I think I have [illegible] would like very much to be in Kansas on account of being near Father.

The weather has been very pleasant for two or three days. Yesterday and today it has been [illegible] Monday afternoon (Dec 12th) Today we have had [illegible]

are dry and hard. More
education is needed however,
sometime during the spring

P.S.

Think Katie would feel inclined to draw out his business here if he thought he could provide himself satisfactorily afterwards or in a way more comfortable than he is at present situated. I think very likely if we should come to Kansas somewhere to live he might come out & [illegible] with us - perhaps not immediately - but at least in time. I cannot tell but I think he might. Think he would. He is going to farm this year and perhaps he may bring a [illegible] with him.

[illegible]

Ulica [illegible] 1874

Dearest,

I received [illegible]
Bros. letter and am
glad that [illegible] are
the best [illegible] by the world
to [illegible] if they had
a chance of [illegible] but they did
not always [illegible] and
I would not [illegible]
Rain - [illegible] are
just [illegible]. It is a
place to which [illegible]
connected by the [illegible]
at Cincinnati. Sugar will
be 8½ perhaps a little less
for 100 pounds. Flour
at Cincinnati would be 8½.
There is [illegible] Bros.
barrels. Shall not [illegible]

inquired [illegible] clothes.
[illegible] to Plymouth
[illegible] Sunday. That
is the Congregational Church
[illegible]

Clinton, Sept 10, 1884

Dear Aunts;

I came down last evening with Mr Avery and was at his house at breakfast and dinner to-day. I have secured a boarding-place for a week or so at Mr Carpenter's, next house to Mr. Avery's. I have had a very pleasant time at Mr. A's. I went on the hill this morning and was examined very slightly in Greek — in the Anabasis, and will be matriculated tomorrow — I think.

I will write to Stevens by and by. I suppose it will be well to send the amount of the bill. Tuition

Clinton, N.Y. Sept. 30, 1884.

Dear Aunts;

I wonder very much why I do not hear from you; I received a card from Aunt Mary, written on her way to New York, but have had nothing from home I think since I came back. I hope neither of you are sick, and cannot think that you are, because I am sure you would write if you were.

I think I shall like College work very much. So far I enjoy it very much. I have a recitation at 9 a.m., at 11 a.m., and one at three p.m. Rhetoric comes four times a week, Geometry three times, Xenophon's Memorabilia three times, Greek Testament once, and an exercise in English Composition, once. Wednesday and Saturday afternoons we have no recitations. Four days in each week namely Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, there is a students prayermeeting at noon, which is attended by a good number of the students and in which there is manifested a good deal of interest. At noon on Wednesday and Saturday there are Rhetorical exercises in the chapel. I come on with a declamation two weeks from tomorrow.

I was sick yesterday (30) but am well to-day. I got sick from eating too much fruit. Very glad to know that you are all well.

I attend the Presbyterian Sunday School first Sunday and had a class of young ladies. There is preaching in the College Chapel every Sunday. It is one of the requirements that the Students be present.

I have joined a fraternity, the Delta Upsilon. They board on the club system. Last year their ran amounted to about $3.25 a week I have understood. I do not know just how soon I shall begin to board with them. One of their men have a room in College for two and I shall go in with him. I shall need some furniture. He has carpets enough a bed I shall need a stove one, or two chairs, one a lamp, and perhaps some other things. I do not know exactly what he has, as he has not returned yet on account of the sickness of his father. Warren More, whom I roomed with in Mexico is intending to go to Utica in a few days to buy some furniture for his room, and I thought that I might go with him and get some things for my room at the same time. He is also a D.U. But I haven't now money to make the purchases.

How is Frankie getting along, and now is Louisa, I have been expecting to hear from Frankie. I hope she will write before long. I shall be for a letter from her the first of next week, Monday, as it will probably reach me then if she writes Saturday. I hope you are all well. With my best wishes to you all

Your loving Nephew

I think I ought to have a new hat.

Clinton, Ny. Oct. 29, 1884.

Dear Aunts:

Yours with the P.O.O. came to-day a letter and card came last evening together with a letter from Aunt Mary containing a note from Asia. Thank you for the $1/5$ I bought another set of wrist furs yesterday thinking that in that way I might have more washing done home. I suppose I shall go home ~~Wednesday~~ Monday, going up on the evening train.

Today ends the first half of the term, making one ~~twenty~~-fourth of the College course not just that I suppose as the other terms are not of exactly the same length.

I wrote to father the other day. I had had a letter from him sometime before.

Clinton is introducing a system of water-works. The trenches for the pipes are being ~~just~~ dug by Italians. There was a gang of them here of perhaps 75 or 100. Their bosses boss them around like slaves — but I suppose that is the only way to do any thing with them.

I am still boarding at Mr Carpenter's. There was a meeting of citizens ~~at~~ last evening to take measures to raise money to relieve the Carthage sufferers. Over two hundred dollars was subscribed on the spot and committees appointed to solicit the town. Tomorrow

of [illegible] appointed [illegible] Atlanta. I was appointed [illegible]. I received a [illegible] today [illegible] [illegible] yet. I am sorry to hear that Frankie is sick. I do she will soon be as well as ever again.

Last Sunday I had a class in Sunday School of little girls about 10 years old. They said they hoped I would teach them again. They were very bright and well informed on the Bible.

We have had little flurries of snow but nothing to last as you have. The roads must be very bad.

With very much love

Your Nephew

J. E. Smith.

Clinton, Ill., Oct 7, 1884.

Dear Sir;

I got this as I was passing the Herald office. I stopped and paid them their accounts and told them that the Herald front ~~[illegible]~~ should receive a receipt which he gave me. I was almost late in reaching the train. In fact it had started from the depot, but I was going to meet it & was able to get on before it got under headway. I hope that you will not find this cold & rather dry ~~[illegible]~~ but I had to write it on the train. I shall call for the Carpet tomorrow evening. Give my [illegible] Brantley.

Yours truly,

E. Everett

Clinton, Nov. 8, 1884.

Dear Aunts:

I returned safely Wednesday evening and am again well at work. I have not paid Mr Carpenter yet. The morning after I got back there was quite a fall of snow on the ground, and I was between two minds whether I had not better get a pair of rubber boots to walk up and down the hill with, having a pair of shoes up there and down here as well; but I found that the walks were kept good all the way up and I think I shall not need them.

One of our fellows spoke to me today saying that he wanted a roommate. The rooms he has (in conjunction with two others) accommodate three, but one of his chums is to leave, and he asked if I would not take his place. The rooms I imagine are furnished rather expensively; he said the share of each is about $40. I told him I would think of the matter. It seems to me that I am very comfortably situated now, as I am. How are you all? I enjoyed seeing with Frankie when I was home, very much, and think of her often. Remember me to Louise.

With love I remain

E. E. Eve. Jr.

Clinton, Miss, Nov. 15, 1911.

My Dear Aunties,

How are you getting along? I hope you are able to get the full benefit of this beautiful weather. It seems almost like spring.

I have spoken to Mr Owen about a rubber coat. He has a kind for two dollars which he recommends very highly. I had an idea that good ones could not be purchased for that, but he said it would wear three years.

There are only five weeks more. There will be three weeks vacation at Christmas I understand. There is a petition around among the students to have the time lengthened to four weeks and the spring vacation which comes about the first of April shortened a week, i.e. from two weeks to one week.

In regard to going on the hill to room I believe that I would like to rent room. I am inclined to think that on the whole it would be better for me.

How do you hear from Aunt Mary? I have not heard from her since I left since she returned, although I have written to her once. Have you heard from Father. I have not but have written to him.

Do you have readings most every evening? Have you finished Uncle Tom's Cabin?

You might suppose that now I am in College I would have a good deal to write about; but it does not seem to be so. My work I enjoy, but it is not very eventful. One day is very much like another as far as the work is concerned, and the happenings One thing that contributes to the general monotony is that all the professors

treat us students like men, and not like boys as is apt to be the case in schools, the academic to some of the professors, as might be supposed are liked and some are not. thus far, the Freshman class have found all their professors very good but we are told that before spring we will not regard so highly one or two of them, but I hope that will not prove to be the case.

I went to Utica Tuesday to hear Moody. I could hardly tell at first whether I liked it or not, but have come to the conclusion that I do. He is very different in his manner of speaking from what one would expect from a man who has had such power over audiences. He is very natural in his speaking. He talks just as if he were

talking face to face with any=
one in common conversation;
but he was very interesting and
held the interest of the audience
entirely. A number of the students
have gone to Ivy ravine to ~~hear~~
hear him today.

I have an engagement to teach
a class in Sunday school for two
weeks and, if the regular teacher
does not return for three
more. After that Mrs. Avery
is to be absent a Sunday & I
have promised to take her
class.

I expect to see from
you soon. tonight I hope
I may have a letter, that
Aunt Jane got, when you see
them. Lovingly E.

Clinton, N.Y. Nov 21, 1884.

My Dear Aunties.

I have received only a card from you this week. I am glad to hear Cousin May is with you. I have had so little time in Utica since coming there that it has not seemed that I could call on them, tho' the last time I passed there I did have two hours or more.

It snowed here night before last and there is still some snow on the ground, tho' how it was not enough for sleighing at all. Have you had enough for sleighing yet.

Have you heard from Hillsdale since I was home? I hope you still intend to make a visit there. I have not heard from Aunt May yet. What do you hear from her? Is she well?

I suppose neither of you attended the barbecue yesterday. A good many went from here. A good many went in the afternoon and a good many more in the evening. There is a train leaving here for Utica about seven and returning, something after eleven. It is a train put on especially for accommodating those who desire to attend the various entertainments. There was a ratification procession here a week ago this evening, but no speeches. Some of the houses were illuminated very finely.

How does Mr. Hughes begin to labor in his new charge? Have our people anyone to succeed him in view?

I stayed with Fuller Tuesday nights and may possibly stay with him tonight.

I am beginning to feel that I ought to be on the hill; that is, that I ought to be at the college and board with the fellows. There is a second hand stove belonging to me

of the boys which he will sell for seven dollars. I will have Plato Jones look at it if I can, and give his opinion as to its value. I am afraid I will need to have some money for socials matters pretty soon. I am desired to pay nine dollars by the first of next month. I have about four dollars now, - a little over that. I do not know of much other expense that will be necessary to meet this term, unless I get a pair of rubber boots, or a rubber coat.

We have begun reviewing in most all our branches preparatory to the closing examination of the term. The term closes three weeks from next Tuesday or Wednesday. Time passed very rapidly. I hope to hear from you very soon. I've not heard from Frank yet. Yours With Love,

J. Edwards

P.S. After writing the above I have written to Father. I have not heard

from him since I came from home. If you ever take a notion to come down and see me: you can have my room and I can very easily sleep with some of the fellows, Tube would be glad to accommodate me part of the time. There is a stove in the room, and I suppose we could make arrangements with Mr Carpenter for some coal — Very Lovingly — E.

Hamilton College
Clinton, N.Y. Nov. 29, 1884.

Dear Aunties,

Aunt Anna's letter came to hand yesterday afternoon, with the check. Thank you. — Since I wrote last the man whom the fellows had intended to have me room with has returned, and it seemed a good time for me to come on the hill to stay. The room that we have was newly finished off a year ago and is very prettily papered and the woodwork is finished nicely. That stove, for seven

dollars, I learned by inquiry was cast off because it was not a good heater. We found one for $14 which is very good. It has been used a part of two years, and cost when new, $34 according to the statement of the man I bought it of which I do not believe. however;) It seems to be a very good stove. We saw another stove cheaper but it quite old, of old style, and I thought it would be apt to burn more coal than one of later date. I think ought to have a dresser. There is a black-walnut one for sale for about $1 quite a pretty one. They tell me here that it is better to get one of black-walnut as it will always sell well. Otherwise I can get

one for perhaps eight dollars. I will pay for the stove out of the check you sent. I ought to have written about this before, but I have been busy this week. I thought that as ~~we~~ I was coming on the train so soon I had better come at once — and help my chum get started. We sleep together. He has bed-clothing. He is a very pleasant young fellow, and a good christian fellow, — a junior. I think I shall like him. — I hope I have not done wrong to move before writing to you about it. It would have taken some time to get an answer.

I am glad you have had a nice visit with Cousin Mary. I shall surely call there the first opportunity

I have. There is not much over two weeks of this term remaining. Thanksgiving day our fellows had a great dinner. It occupied two hours, or more. I am still reading with Miss Avery. We are reading the Marble Faun yet, but are almost thro' with it. She has invited me there to tea this evening. Last Saturday evening Plato Jones and a Miss Scoville, Miss Avery and myself met at Miss Scoville's to study the Sunday School lesson. We meet tonight for the same purpose at Miss Avery's. As to taking young men to call on Miss A I have only taken Hale and I consulted her about it before I took him.

With lots of Love

J. B-Evens

Hamilton College

Clinton, N.Y., [illegible] 1864.

My Dear Auntie;

I am sorry I have put off writing to you for so long. I have been expecting to hear from you. I suppose you received my letter of week before last saying that I had moved on the hill. I have not heard from you since. The term does not end till Wednesday. I think I would like to stop a day or two in Utica, on my way home. I hope I shall hear from you soon. I am quite anxious to hear; I hope you are

at first, either of you.

I have a very pleasant room. I think I shall like it very much.

I ought to have some money to settle up here before I leave. I am owing Mr. Carpenter $13.50, and will be owing about $10.00 for board with the boys at the end of the term. That is for about three weeks. Besides that I am owing about $12 or $13 for things for the room.

Examination begins Friday. We have five branches to be examined in and there is one each day, thus selling us out Wednesday.

I haven't any else to write about in particular, except there was a communion service in the College chapel Sunday evening. The students have a training class

in the Bible every Sunday afternoon at three, & had not attended them until I came on the hill but have been the last two Sundays. Each class has one. Only a few attend; at least it is so of our class. The classes have prayer meetings Friday evenings at nine o'clock. The Y.M.C.A. has prayer-meetings at noon in the room next Monday's Tuesday's Thursday's and Friday's.

How is Aunt Mary? I have not heard from her for a long time - not since I saw the [illegible] I think. I hope you are both well. I wonder why I do not hear from you. Does Uncle Eddie expect to remain in Texas this winter or what purpose of course he has

Do you still think of going to Hillsdale. I hope you do, I shall

Lovingly Your Nephew
J. E. Everett

Hamilton College.
Clinton, N.Y. Jan. 8, 1875.

My Dear Aunties,

I failed to get the [illegible] of Cousin A. yesterday afternoon. I had been at Cousin Mary's to dinner, and when I got to the market Cousin A. had gone. I will go up Saturday and get it. At the market Cousin Henry handed me twenty-five dollars and said that Cousin A. had left it for me; I did not know what to think of it—what it was for—so I asked him—; he said it was a present. So I was able to get [illegible]

I found that our train had returned on the moor train, and had fire going. The chapel bell is ringing and I must close,

Affectionately

J. C. Everett

Utica, N.Y. Jan, 14, 1885

My Dear Aunts;

I have at last obtained the money from the bank. I will take the liberty of keeping out of it the five dollars which I sent home the other day, and another five. There will be a term tax to pay of five dollars tonight, and I am not sure but there will be more than that to pay. two or three dollars perhaps, but that may not be called for just yet. I am not sure about it. I came to Utica this A.M at about 11.15 and took dinner at Cousin Mary's. She is expecting to hear from you

So am I. Shave not heard from you since I returned I think) But there may be a letter for me now at Clinton. When are you expecting to come to Utica. They are all well at Cousin Mary's Fannie went to Rome today and I did not see her.

Hope you will write soon

Affectionately Yours

J. Edw. Everett)

P.S. Have a difficulty of buying a ticket for half fare unless I buy a full one and then I would better go as cash?

College Hill

Clinton, Jan 27, 1853

My Dear Aunties

Your good letter of the 26th is just at hand. I took tea at Mr. Carpenter's this evening, and after tea stepped a few minutes to see Ruben. He rooms is two doors from where you know. When I got on the hill I called on Miss Jones before going to my room. She asked me if I had got my letter, and then added when I had told him I had not, that there was two cents postage to pay on it. I said, That's good. I was willing to

pay two cents for a good fat letter any day."

I was glad to get the text of shorthand. After looking over the alphabet, I soon deciphered the book from which it is taken. Then I saw the three oblique dots above one of the words and immediately the verse, "Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word" came to my mind; only I thought the first word was how. Of course I could not make out the first word to read so, I guessed all the other words and at last made out the first word. I hope you will send more.

We have a reading room

under the auspices of the Y.M.
C.A. There are a good
number of papers taken.
The Tribune, Times, Herald
World, Sun, Utica papers
New York Observer S.S. Times
Puck Judge Graphic
Independent Harpers
Weekly, Harpers Monthly
Century Atlantic, N.A.
Review, and others, both
papers and magazines.

You need not send Mau=
devills Education but may
bring it when you come.

Aunt Annas poetry is very
commendable. I have not
bought that pin, because I
have not had the opportunity
to buy it. We board at the

same place. The cream does not flow quite so freely this term.

My health is good, and I enjoy my life here. I am afraid I enjoy myself here better than you two do up there. But I am not so sure that ~~it~~ ones location affects ones happiness so much. Happiness comes from within, I guess, does'nt it! Perhaps, not entirely so either. Write soon again another fat letter.

Lovingly & Hastely Eddie

College Hall

Exeter, Jan 31, 1915

My Dear Aunties,

This is a wicked pen but it is the only whole one I have — & the book-store is closed just now. There is a book-store in the building that my room is in which keeps the books used in the College and stationary, but I do not think it pays to buy stationary here. It seems to me they are rather high.

I would be glad if you can find my account book and bring it

Utica. No matter if you do not happen across it I think I left it on the shelf by Mrs. Pritchard's door. I have left account- a piece of paper with me I could back.

The dresser is of black walnut, has a very good mirror, and three drawers. It is quite neat and pretty, almost new- and will probably sell well, when I want to dispose of it.

Are there any of the steel engravings of Grandfather & Grandmother left! If there are I wish I might have one of each down here. If you cannot conveniently carry them as they are you might cut off a part of the margins.

I send a copy of my accounts
The Quintennial which I
mention is a Memorial volume
commemorating the
fiftieth anniversary of the
foundation of the Seminary
and all the Fraternity took
copies.

I have not yet called
on Mrs. Queen's people but
Hulse will take me before
long. — I thought I had
a good deal to say when
I began to write but I do
not seem to have. It is
most time to go to dinner
which we have just had at
5 o'clock. The coasting is
good now and we slide
down usually. I generally

get a chance to ride with some of the fellows.

Was glad to get your letter last night. Have mislaid it & so cannot answer it as I would like. Thank you for the #2 5,

Satchel	6.50
Fare	25
Hamiltonian Literary Monthly	3.00
Paid Plate what I borrowed	5.00
Key to my room	.25
Algebra	75
Fare	.15
Books	1.50
Matchsafe	.05
P.O. Order	01
Fare	.15
Observer	.13
Quintennial (History of the ΔΥ Fraternity)	3.50
Rubbers	.50
Toothpicks	.05
Dipper	.15
Fare	.15
Poor man	15
Incidentals	1.07
	24.57

Hamilton College,
Clinton, Feb. 9, 1885.

My Dear Aunts.

I return in this the P. O. O. made payable to Aunt Jennie. I have acknowledged the receipt of it to Mr Jones.

I haven't anything to write about this morning. It is snowing very hard just now. I stayed with Linda Saturday night. Ate tea at Mrs Hale's call in the evening. I have not heard from Aunt Mary for some time. How is she? I suppose you hear from her. How are Uncle Eddie's family.

I shall be glad to have Aunt Anna send another installment of shorthand. I have preserved the alphabet she sent.

You proposed that I state the amount my purse contains, from time to time. I have now about twenty five cents. I sent you a statement of my expenses so far this term the other day. You have received it, I suppose.

I am not sure but you had better send my handkerchiefs by mail, as I may run short. I have not had any washed yet.

I shall expect to hear from you soon and often. Now that we have got in the habit of writing often let's keep it up.

With Love. Eddie.

Dear Hill

Exeter, Oct. 6. 1885.

My Dear Aunts

I will take a minute to write a little. I have written to Dear Timothy Jones.

If you have not started yet, do you think you can find the pieces like my last Durin suit. The blue suit — I do not need much; I am not sure but yours two — just where they are. I am glad to hear from you so often, and hope we may continue to write often. I do not seem to have

much to communicate, except in the College line very of a lack of money. I guess you begin to be afraid of hearing from me, & that you receive my letters with trembling rather than joy.

I think the College year is half over now — that is in the number of weeks. We have had four weeks of this term, & have over about one-half of the term's work — in another four weeks or so, we shall begin to review. Yesterday I attended a funeral in town of a graduate of '75 & '79. Prof. Hopkins preached. I had never heard him before. I am very well. How are you

Yours lovingly Eddie

Delta Upsilon House.

Hamilton College,

Clinton N.Y. May 14. '88.

My Dear Aunt: —

Yours of May 1st came to me this morning — Just now. Was glad to hear from you again. I should think you might find it a nice change to go to Alpe for a time. The aspect of nature must be enchanting in Kansas now. It was five years ago the second of this month that I left Owatonna. It was beautiful there then. It is nice here now too. Last week was warm spring weather and every — body enjoyed it. Today it is not so charming, as it is rather

cool. Still it is pleasant.
Two weeks from tomorrow
we have the last regular
exercise of our course. The
night after the Clark Prize
Oratorical Contest occurs, to
which I was so fortunate
as to be appointed. The oration
of the occasion will not,
or may not, be of the finest,
as the men are chosen
on the merits of the orations
which they wrote for the com-
petition. The prize however,
will be awarded largely on
the merit of the speaking.

In regard to Trust Funds

I was surprised, when I went home on hearing she had been sick, to find she had been gaining so nicely. She seemed to be very cheerful, & believe she has a good deal of confidence in the new girl Alice, and finds her companionable. She feels better, more secure. I have no doubt, now that she has the doctor attend her. I think that will be well for her, - merely the impression on her, that she is sharing the responsibility - of her health

with a competent judge of
disease.

I am glad you are
falling in love with Samoa.
I feel a sort of native af-
fection for her myself, and
am always glad to hear
the place spoken well of.

I feel that it complements
me to complement my father's
house, race, and my own birth-
place.

I shall go home for a week
Doors after Clerk Prize. I am
counted [illegible] to stay, till after
[illegible] on account
of "Si" business, which will hold me
here. Affectionately, Your Eddie

Patterson House.

F. A. Patterson, Prop.

Harper, Kansas, Oct 19 1890.

My Dear Aunts!—

I have had a little trip this week. The Larned Presbytery was held at Burton, Harvey County, fourteen miles East of Hutchinson, and I attended. Hutchinson is 60 miles north of Harper. and is the County seat of Reno County. It is a good sized town of I suppose five or six thousand people. I had a pleasant time and got a little acquainted with some of the ministers of this Western part of the state.

I shall probably have a horse and cart in a few weeks. I shall need them as I have a good many country members. some living out a good ways from the towns. Ponies are cheap here, they tell me, and I can get a good new two wheeled cart for 12 or 15 dollars.

I am glad the milk is going to the Creamery. That must make the work easier. Does Father talk of making Robbie an offer to come to Kansas & take the farm? Affectionately

J. E. L.

Milan, Kansas Jan 2, 1872.

My Dear Aunts:

Last evening I spent a little time writing to little Anna, and this morning while there was no work in particular to do, I shall write you a few words.

This is Saturday, and I expect it to be a busy day. I mean to spend it mostly on the streets and in the stores, meeting people, & finding the people by accident whom it will be worth while canvassing. I tried that on one or two days at this place before, and found it worked well. "Rustling" is a kind of activity better expressed by our Western word "rustling" than by any other language I can command. To "rustle" is to find the chances & then to use it, all the time in the alert for other chances. The good "rustler"

is the person who has the knack of finding the chances, & the capacity & energy to take advantage of them. I am not convinced that I am a good mixer. I understand that the term originated in among cattle men. But on the plains the cattle were not fed in the winter, but were compelled to run loose in search of grass, and in order to live must move about under the snow for the dry grass or hay underneath. That was called mixing. So when men have to move about under frigid circumstances for a livelihood they call it mixing. So I am trying to mix, and I find it quite interesting for the most part. When I find a clump more prominent than surrounding clumps, my spirits are elated with the hope

that I shall find a good trunch of ore under it; and when investigation proves it to be only a drift it stirs me to hasten to another climb.

Yesterday morning furnished us the first snow-storm of the season, -- a sort of a New Year's gift wrapped in white. The sun broke the package, however, before night. In this January Southern clime the frigid vigour of Maine would be, then, a fair chance. This morning was pretty cold & calisthenic, but it is coming out a pretty day, even now at nine o'clock.

I called at Mr. Moffett's and got the package. Thank you heartily. The gift is very nice, and I am greatly pleased with it. I have had nothing to keep my photographs in

And I have a good many that I consider choice, many that could not be easily replaced if injured.

I have not taken all my things from Anthony. My books are there yet, and some clothing. I have not been there for three weeks and more, and do not see that I can easily get there for several weeks to come.

I am sorry you felt it necessary to send that X-50 X Actinatomic. I wish you had left it to make the burden of your incidental expenses lighter. How are you getting along now financially? Has anything else come in late?

My address is still at Starke, I think I shall be in and about Milan till Tuesday or Wednesday, & Likely all of next week. Affectionately, E. E.

Merrill, Mich. June 20, 1893.

My Dear Aunts:-

We are still looking for some word from you. I should think this warm weather would be good for boat traveling. It has been 103 & 4, ° the last two or three days here. — I suppose it must be very warm in Chicago.

I was going to Wheeler today to spend the day, probably, or else I shall walk up this afternoon. The weekly prayer meeting is tonight. I have been attending it lately, and will continue to do so, if I can while the weather is good.

We hope you will be on your

is my t. World before this reaches you.

We have a prophecy of your coming in the form of the newspapers that have come addressed to you.

With love to yourselves and

Yours Ever

J. E. Everett,

Merrill Mich Aug 9. 1894.

My Dear Aunts: ——

The days slip away so stealthily that I can hardly account for them. You have been gone now two weeks. You are getting settled I suppose. and are beginning to see what you want to do.

The meetings have kept us busy. — that is me. and the baby has kept Ella busy. He has been very worrysome. He has no more teeth. He grows some notwithstanding his many troubles. He is in short clothes now and of course looks like a little man.

I received a letter from Mr. Van Auken some days ago, in which he asked if I would consider a call to Centralia, Ill. After a few days of hesitation, and of vacillation I wrote him that I would consider a call, but that I could not agree to anything until I had seen the people & given them an opportunity to see me, and that I could not leave here without giving this Church ample warning, perhaps two or three Months. — Yesterday I heard again from him asking if he should make an appointment for the 19th for me. I replied affirmatively. So a week from next Sunday, Lord willing I shall be in Centralia

I have said nothing as yet to anybody here but Will. I shall have to close the Church for that Sunday, probably. Centralia is a city of about 6000 people, on the Illinois Central R.R. 250 miles from Chicago - somewhat South of the Center of the State, and I think midway between the Eastern & Western boundaries.

The Church is not a large one - only 65 members; but Mr. Van Anken says: "It is a fine opening for Church work, and Centralia is a beautiful city." It is an opportunity which I feel like considering. I feel like courting it rather more than Litchfield, because the latter seemed to

be a village which has seen its best day; while Centralia is a good sized town which has increased in population between the last two Census reports. If a good Church can be built up there, it would be very likely a desirable place to settle in permanently. At all events, it seems wise to look into this matter. I am booked for a good little journey next week. Centralia I find in 1890 had a population of 4700. Bro Miller our Evangelist who is from Ill, & who has worked in Centralia in revival work, says it is a growing place, and that there is good chance for a thriving & successful Church.

Our meetings will close

Friday Evening. Sunday I hope we may take a few members into our church. Will write you if we do.

Mary Sweeny came home this week. There is another week of her school, but she will remain at home. She reports a very good school.

What would you think about going to Centralia, in case it should seem expedient for us to go there. Mr. Miller says it is in the midst of a fruit country, and a very pretty town. Of course I shall inquire as to expenses of living &c.

Mrs. Hudson has not returned, though the Doctor is expecting her every day.

If Mrs. Cooley's Constitutional Law is on that list, you need not

search for it. because I find it here. The baby is cross & I am "minding" him. So I will close. Ella says you must excuse her this time because baby has taken so much of her time. Mrs. Corby was here yesterday washing and ironing but did not finish the ironing and Ella is trying to get through with it. She sends love with mine

Your Nephew

J. E. Everett

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Merrill, Mich., Oct 31 1894

My Dear Aunts: —

I have heard nothing from you since Saturday evening; but we hope no news is good news in this case. We know you have not much time nor strength to write, and so we will try not to expect to hear, too, often. We think you ought to have more help than you had when you wrote last.

We received a letter from Hattie this morning. I had written her of Aunt Mary's illness. We have a very urgent invitation to visit them at Thanksgiving. We do not know whether we can do so, or not.

We are to have a "gentlemen's tea" tomorrow evening, to take the place of a Ladies Aid. The gentlemen are providing the refreshments, will wait on the tables, wash the dishes &c. &c. We expect to have a good supper, I think, and hope to have a good crowd as well.

Mr. King is going to move from Breckenridge. Next Sunday will be his last. He does not know yet where he will go. I have had very little talk with him: — simply met him on the train last evening.

It has been rainy since Monday evening. This morning is inclined to be pleasant. The roads are muddy. They were very good before the rain. We took a long ride Monday, taking Katie & her mother, too.

With Love,

J. E. Everett,

P.S. Do you have any idea what you will do with that type in pages.—(the Addyaydd)? Will you keep it for future use, in case it may be needed? Keep it in the pages, set up? I think I will ask Frank to get that other box that I had intended to take, boxed up, and have him ship it to me. I think of getting up a small church sheet occasionally; setting it myself, and printing it on Whitney's press. I think there will be type enough for the solid matter in that box, and I can get a little type for headings &c. I am not sure about it yet, but am pondering over it.

J. E.

Merrill, Mich
Nov. 3, 1894.

My dear Aunts: —

We were much relieved to hear that Aunt Mary is getting better. We trust she will gain steadily now.

Our "gentlemens tea" passed off nicely. Among our waiters were Mrs. Gould, Hunt Perkins, Hoadley Cunningham, Burnham, Delong, Smith, and White. — We held it in the store Mr. Stevens used to have his flowers in. We realized something over seven dollars.

We put up our coal stove yesterday. It took pretty much all day to black it clean the nickel, mica & get the pipes fitted

But it is very comfortable now.
It is quite cold this morning.
Have you heard how May
Everett is? Robert is pretty well
now. He was very good yesterday,
But some days he is very worrisome
It is Saturday & I will be pretty
busy today. So I will close.
With love from all to all
In Haste
"E."

Merrill, Mich Nov 21, 1894.

My Dear Aunts: —

I am afraid I cannot write much of a letter, with Roberts on my lap; but I will try to write a few words. He is pretty well now; but he has not got beyond giving us a good deal of trouble. He is eight months old; and growing. He shows his teeth very prettily when he laughs. He can navigate around the room quite well in his tender, and on the whole is improving very much.

We are talking of going up to your rooms today to see if everything is in order there. If you decide not to come back this Fall it would be well for us to try to dispose of your coal would it not? I presume we will be able to sell it. I have not heard of anyone who would want it, but it is very probable we will will find some who have not enough to last them through the winter. Have you decided positively whether you will stay or come? We still hope you may see your way to come.

The gentlemen of the Church & congregation are preparing to have a Thanksgiving Dinner. We will be obliged to go a bit in earnest from the time on

I am trying to give up my Wheeler appointment. I went to Alma Monday to see if a student could be found who could and would like to take the field. I found one whom the Wheeler people will like I think. He was highly recommended by the President. I had spoken nothing about the matter to the Wheeler people up to that time. That afternoon I sent my resignation, recommending at the same time the young man.

Ella got a nice new couch the other day. It is very pretty. We have the books all in the dining room. We had the large bookcase cut off at the bottom about eight or nine inches. so that it would go in the S. E. corner of the dining-room where the couch was. We have placed it there across the corner between the two windows. The small bookcase we have put just West of the dining room window on the South side of the room. It makes the room look very nice. Then the new couch we have put in the parlor where the small bookcase used to be. The old couch we have consigned to the shed, hoping to dispose of it to some one. It is pretty poor in the upholstery and will not be useful till it is repaired. We are not getting any new carpets. We have put glass in the pantry cupboard doors

Yours of 19 just received

and painted the pantry, intending to paper it this week or next. Our girl is not so useful as we hoped she would be. She was the greatest part of Monday & Tuesday washing, and did not even then get through.

There are a number of new babies in town. Among their mamas are Mrs Frank Thomas and Mrs. Ed Perkins. (Little Mrs. P.)

I had a wedding last Monday evening. I was not acquainted with the parties. They came to the house.

Aunt Mary's S.S. class have hung together thus far but they feel somewhat discouraged about it sometimes. Dish said Sunday that they would probably soon in to my class if they had not promised you they would hang together till your return.

Baby can patty-cake, in his own way. But he is cross, all the same, and gives his mother little rest.

I have written quite a long letter. But Roberts went to his mother or I would have had it out long ago.

With love from us all.

J. C. Everett

We have been up to the rooms and found every thing all right, so far as we could see. The coal seems unmolested, and also every thing in the house.

Merrill, Mich Dec 5, 1894.

My Dear Aunts:

I have given up Wheeler at last. Perhaps I wrote you of it in my last. I found a young student at Alma who would like to take the place: and recommended him. I presume he was with them last Sunday. We do not know what to do with Old Jan. - whether to keep her all Winter or not. After Mr. Burnham's kindness, we hesitate to return her in the middle of the Winter.

We did well on the Thanksgiving dining and Supper. clearing nearly thirty dollars. The gentlemen took hold and work splendidly. There was an abundance of provisions contributed, for both dinner and Supper. There were turkeys, Chickens a goose, Chicken pies, roast beef, boiled ham, potatoes, squash, pies, Cakes fried cakes, pickles, cheese, celery &c &c. Every body seemed to enjoy it.

Tomorrow we expect Supt Warren to visit us. We have called a meeting for two o'clock in the afternoon and

after that I shall take him to Breckenridge where he speaks in the evening.

Mrs. Massecar has been confined to the house for a great part of the Fall. She was out for the first time at our Thanksgiving dinner. They are very good friends to us, and the Church. Elisha and Grace are faithful as ever.

Chicken-pox is prevailing here. Little Roberts came down with it last Friday. He is recovering but his face is anything but attractive. The other children are well.

Perhaps Ella will add a word.

J. E. L.

Kiowa, Kan. Dec. 28. 1894.

My Dear Aunts.

I think so many things
of writing to you but I am
so busy all the time and not a
very good correspondent. I have
not taken a bit well for a month or two
months now and with everything
I have more than I can
do. It seems almost impossible to
have time to do their share of
packing up &c. Thursday does not
seem to have the least idea
of putting up the dinner or
of order in the house and not
much will when mamma is out
of them and of course if Lewis is
allowed to do it wasn't thanks
it would be mine to wash dishes

doing it and so, if the visit me can
not do it, I shall be glad when
Lewis stay is over for I am far from
being able to wait on him & comm
J.E. thinks I must have patience
and I certainly try to do so but
nevertheless it is a great burden
to me. J.E. is enjoying his vacation
of two weeks from his school work
and I am sure he needs it. I think
J.E. is more disinterested than
I have ever known him to
be and I presume it is because he
is making a little money and of
course is not so hampered by
but he is working very very hard.
Mollie is staying with me this
week and will very likely stay
next week and as she wears the
money will be more apt to stay.
We all enjoyed your letter
before which we received that

... I am very thankful indeed
for the Ladies Home Journal for
me I enjoy it very much. J.E. has ordered
the Advance sent to your address.
One of the ladies of the Church gave
me a dainty little piece of China
which I prize very much.
Roberts is growing all the time and
is very fat. JE and I had him out
... riding the other day and the seat
being rather narrow he kept slipping
down. his papa said to him that he
did not have any square corners and
he was so round he could not help slid-
ing down. but papa why did you
not have some square corners put
on? why did you not. I cried when he
made me and then I would not cry
down all the time. I
was very much interested in Santa-
Clara this year. My father is in
Canada spending the Christmas

write answer
Lawrence
the future.
Write me with
what is news
Ellen Everett

taking Douglas with him. Lottie is staying with Maggie out in the country where she is teaching. The Ladies of the Church are getting ready for their annual experience social which takes place next week. I received one of Lottie's letters a few weeks ago I presume she has written at the present time. It is time to go to the kitchen and get dinner E. E is up town Howard and Robert are out playing. Louise is with Mollie in the kitchen. Lewis is up stairs in the coal store in the dining room and I am sitting in our bedroom where we have a little stove. I will send one of our local papers with a little notice of Howard in. Write soon I will try and

Merrill Mich. Mar 4. 1895

My dear Aunts: —

We are sorry Aunt Anna is so poorly now. We hope she will be getting ~~better~~ now. But the weather does not seem to show much sign of warming us. We had good Spring weather for a time but yesterday it became Wintery again. I am afraid you have had a bad Winter in New York.

We are glad if you like the picture. We think it is nice. It is very natural too. He is improving all the time. He can walk a little. but is very

slow in sticking out for himself. He has not let go started out of his own accord till yesterday. His bowels continue to give him trouble. We are giving him Cascara now.

We have made no arrangements about leaving here in the Spring. We think it likely we will not take the initiative in leaving; and so most likely we will remain another year.

Our little Juvenile Missionary Society which we started a few months ago is doing nicely. They are preparing to have a social in three weeks — A Penny Social it will be. There will be

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slips of paper with questions on them which are to be answered by a penny. E.g. Where on the penny is youth and old age. (the date, as 1894) Where is a "sign of royalty" (the crown on the figures head) Where a house of worship (the temple) Symbol of Victory (the laural) Mode of punishment. (stripes). A weapon (bow and arrow) Devoted young man (bow) A messenger (one cent.) Portion of a hill (brow) An animal (hair) One way of expressing matrimony (united) A flower. (two lilies)

The next Ladies Aid will be given by Misses Channel, Hodgkin Knick and Lane. Miss Lane is a

teacher who teaches a mile West of the village and boards with Mrs. White. She is Mrs. White's Cousin. The Aid will be given in the Church this week Thursday.

The village election is to be held next week. We are trying again to elect members on the council who will be in favor of law and order.

Give our love to Aunt Jane.

We enclose a ticket for our penny Social. The children will sell them. If a person buys one and does not come, we will be one cent ahead anyway. With love J. E. Everett.

Merrill, Mich, Mar 18, 1895

My Dear Aunts:-

Roberts was one year old yesterday. He walks around very independently, going wherever he sees fit in the house. He likes to get into the pantry and open the doors to the shelves, and get at the pans and other things there. He is very busy and active and of course gets pretty tired.

The Spring is opening gradually. The nights are cold, and the days mild. There is but little snow.

Last Friday Evening we had a lecture in our church on Pluck Patience and Push. It was under the auspices of the Men's Club. The speaker was Dr. Hunting a Presbyterian minister of Flint, who was formerly President of Alma College. It was a thoroughly good

address, inspiring as well as entertaining. The people appeared to be very well pleased. The speaker charged ten dollars and expenses. We came out six cents ahead. We did not expect to make much if anything. It was the lecture we wanted, and also to demonstrate that this place is capable of patronizing such a thing successfully. Some, even members of the club were opposed to having it. But others of us think it will not be the last thing of the kind.

We are agitating very actively the building of a church parlor and thinking we may be able to get it started this Spring.

Tonight there is a stereoptican entertainment, in the church given by a Rev. Frank Hoyt, under the auspices of the Maccabee Tent.

We have not heard from Father since the first of March. I wrote to him last week, the day I wrote to you last. I am eager to hear from him now after he has got the farm on his hands again.

Tuesday A.M. Mar 19. — We attended the entertainment. It was fairly good, and much enjoyed, I think by most of the audience.

Ella wants to know when we may look for you back in Merrill, and I do too. It is lonesome here without you. There is a family in your old rooms. We do not know how long they will stay. We do not know either what prospect there will be of getting rooms or a small house, but hope there will be opportunities. There is a house we think of now that will be vacant. Whether it is spoken for or not we do not know. It is the house Frank Thomas has been living in. He ~~has~~ has bought a house and will be

moving after awhile. The house he leaves belongs to Mr. Forsythe, and is the second house this side of the church. — a little green house, — you may remember it. We think the rent is about five dollars.

We are pretty well ~~except~~ Except Ella, she is just able to be around and not much more. How is Aunt Anna. Does she recover well from her recent attack? Are you still alone? We have a girl, a new one who came yesterday, a Miss Adamack. She seems to take hold well.

With love

From Your Nephew

J. E. Everett.

Merrill, Mich., Mar 26, 1895.

My Dear Aunts: —

I received a letter from Father this morning; and judge that he is not getting along very well. I am intending now to go to see him next week. I think I shall start next Monday, a week from today. We have been talking the matter over this morning, and trying to plan so that Ella could go too. But we fear it will seem best for her not to go this time, I think I will take Howard along.

I have neglected saying anything about that watch. I would like to have it now that I am going away. I do not think you can get it here in time. But possibly you may. I want it you to take no extra trouble about. I want you to be sure it will make no special difference if I do not get it. I have

travelled many times before without a time piece. Our jeweler here says the watch can be packed easily in a box large enough so that quite a good of paper can be put around it, and that the only thing to be done besides packing it snugly is to take a very small of slip of paper, double it, so that it forms a weak spring, and place it under the balance wheel, — under one side of the balance wheel — so that it will keep the wheel from moving. Do not put yourselves to inconvenience. I think it entirely improbable that you can get it here in time; and if you do not it will not make much difference to me. Indeed, in traveling, probably Howard would care more for the watch than I.

I do not know that this trip will be of any avail, but I feel that I ought to take it, and hope that

by seeing how things are going on
I may be able to help Father to get
along better. I wish we might
dispose of things there and that
Father might come back with
me. But I feel that such a
thing is almost out of the
question.

We are as well as usual.

With love from all

Your Nephew

D. E. Everett.

Merrill, Mich., May 15, 1895.

My Dear Aunts:—

I enclose Post Office Order for twenty dollars. ($20.) I think that was the amount for the coal, was it not?

We are still at Merrill, without anything decided. We are hopeful however, and think we will settle somewhere in this state. We will not go to Standish; I think I told you that, did I not? We hope we may be able to go to the Southern part of the state, but we are not possessed of any opportunities in that quarter as yet.

It is quite cold here. It froze hard last night night. I presume you have had this cold wave as well as we. Yesterday morning the ground was white with snow, which did not

melt away till towards evening.

How are you getting along with garden &c. You wrote that you intended putting one in, I believe. We have had our garden patch plowed, and a few, though not all the potatoes in. The cold wave and snow came on me before I had it all planted, and I guess it is just as well.

We have had two or three letters from Hattie lately. They seem well. Holden received thirty-five members into their church recently.

We wish we could drop in and call on you; or that you could come in and give us a call. Perhaps we may meet again before Winter.

With love from all

Your Nephew

J. E. Everett

P.S. I observe the order is made to Mary E. Everett. You will need to think of this, & see to it, in having it cashed & sign accordingly.

I had taken the [illegible] the flowers were [illegible] so that [illegible] it is [illegible] not respect. I was [illegible] ~~hand~~ hand it. I had begun [illegible] it. I was at least known that I to write it now. There will not be time for me to finish it. But I will decide in a day or two what disposition to make of it. ~~&~~ I thought with a little [illegible] & the frontispiece it would be a very good [illegible]. But it would need [illegible] & there would be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Merrill Mich., May 29, 1895.

My Dear Aunts:—

We are in the midst of packing. We hope we will get nearly through today, though we are afraid we will be hurried up to the last minute. This is Wednesday. Tomorrow we hope to have time to get the goods shipped without having to wait till late in the day. Then Friday we expect to start, going to Chicago for Sunday & Monday from there Monday evening.

We will send you perhaps a very few things, and perhaps you would prefer to have us take everything with us. Elias Patten is here crating stoves today. Yesterday he crated the buggy. I have been trying to get

Uncle Ella to go to Steuben + stay with you for the Summer - her and Haider and baby, but she thinks she would worry and that she would rather prefer to keep the family together. So I presume she will come with me unless we get definite word from Kansas; I trust shall at any rate know. We have not heard a second time;

With great haste,

Ever Love

Yr. Friend

Osawatomie Ks. June 10, 1875

Mr Lovewells:—

We have neglected writing you since leaving Osawatomie, fearing from a good deal of sickness among our people, & the loss of our goods, &c. We arrived at about one o'clock on reached Osawatomie, (June 4.) After we had got all the dust out of this house, which is small, and not suited to accommodate a large company, we are very well entertained here—! remained until the next day. We had it in our minds, before coming, that if we could secure furnished rooms in Osawatomie to wait until our goods should come, it would be agreeable to us. to go to dinner, the day we arrive

Robert took me to town and we engaged in house hunting, and finally found two rooms on the ground floor, in which the landlady agreed to put a little furniture. We have found them convenient in many ways, but they are not much better than half furnished, and do not give us much room. There is a gasolene stove which we have had, but it was not till yesterday that we could get it to work.

Elsa has been sick ever since we came to Kansas, - yes and before. In Chicago, where we spent from Saturday night to Monday afternoon, she was unable to go out much, and at Roberts she was worse rather than better. Thursday morning we

If he would be contented to
dispose of his dairy & neither
harm for what it could bring
and then live with us, it
would be much better, I do
think, and I do think -
~~I am other at least not~~
when I have talked. But
he is not disposed to do so.
We will therefore probably
keep the farm, try it for awhile

I am however making in-
quiries about churches. Perhaps
if we get the farm, I can find
a church which I can suit,
within easy distance, and at
the same time live at the farm.
Perhaps, if we could get an
invitation from a church, father
might change his mind.

I have not said anything to
Father about the matter you wrote
me of in Chicago. He has been
so very cut, that we have not
talked much about plans,
so, though we have [illegible]

strongly about remaining on
the farm I think. He thinks
he will get stronger, and very
probably he will. But there is
to a good deal of doubt
about it. I have told him
that I think it would be
much wiser not to go in
debt anymore, but to raise
the necessary money
by disposing of some of his
stock &, if he cannot see it as

pleased to see him looking so bad
when we came, but he was
rapidly recovering by that time.
When we first saw him, his fore-
head and the right side of his
face were covered with a thick
almost continuous scab. His
right ear along the outer edge was
deeply scarred, his lips, the
under one particularly was raw,
(superficially so, at least,) and
the upper part of the back of his head
and the back part of the top of
his head was in one thick, contin-
uous scab, in which there was some
matter. He has improved
much since then in his ap-
pearance. The scab is about
the same, but the sore has come
from his face a great deal. His
hands were also scalded some

called in Pace, and he pronounced the disease tonsilitis (if that is the right spell it.) Yesterday we had the doctor here again, and he thinks the swelling will break to-day, and if not then he will lance it. She has suffered a great deal. The baby has been well till yesterday when he got quite feverish and restless; and last night he did not rest well, being very restless, poor little fellow.

Father is quite feeble. He has very badly burned, and it seems strange that he recovered from it. So at least they seem to think who saw him from the first. He was sur-

other cases, but they are much better, and it would seem, almost well now.

The turn must have been something of a shock to his system. He is weak, tires easily, is tearful a great deal of the time, - and yet he does not sleep nights very well. He can hardly tell whether he is improving from day to day. - though I think he is. He seems stronger on the whole than when he came. We have taken measures towards building yet. My time has been pretty well taken up with what little house work I do have. I drive to the farm every day, for milk, potatoes, eggs etc. keeping the team busy.

We are rejoicing with the

[illegible] house block, three blocks,
on the corner corresponding to
the [illegible] house block. Our
landlady is Mrs. Brenner, the
house is a three storied one.
I mention these things thinking
that [illegible] may recognize the
name or the place.

I am sorry I have not written
before, but being pretty tired
myself and having my
hands full. I have put it off
from day to day.

Hoping to hear from you soon —

With love — Yours affectionately
J.E. Endicott.

At all Events, I do not feel inclined to constrain him like came. Next in his account and are disposed to yield some-thing in order to comply with his wishes.

J. E. E.

Osnatomie, June 11 93

My dear sister,

That beautiful bird
came to the time, but I was not able to
write and thank you for it as I was. It is
very useful and worked the [illegible]
was just what I needed, and the little [illegible]
I wrote you about a week ago. I [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Lee in the fore. The only one there I
loved was the Schuyler's. I was [illegible]
with the Lafe Eddy to the funeral
in Osnatomie. He [illegible]
& Ella has been sick ever since she
[illegible] yesterday, but it is [illegible]
day gone to the farm [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Father would be glad if
this card day that he is here
to write any more.
I have only time to tell you
whether he is gaining in
strength but think perhaps
he is some.
The weather is fine
for crops. Have had a

good little daughter
Love, and comfort in the
Meantime.

Father

but it did us
all we could do. He has
a wife. What
better Sunday afternoon
thought he might, and
little
well, Father. He hopes
are well.

I seem to
enough
Father
not be

Osawatomie Ks June 17 95

My Dear Aunts:-

I did not tell Father about the matter you wrote me from Chicago. till the day before yesterday. I ought to have told him when he wrote that letter to you after I came, asking if you could make the loan. But at that time Ella was quite sick Father himself was very feeble and downcast, and I hardly had the heart to tell him. We were in straits which were practically but us; and the neighbors were just across the hall. There was nothing like a tenement. Before I left the

father was so unlike himself that I could not talk much to him or at least I was very unwilling to do so. He has seemed better the last few days.

Though he seems better, he is far from strong. He feels it himself. — indeed he feels it, it appears, more than I had supposed he did until yesterday. He told me yesterday that he feared he would not regain his strength all Summer, and said that he wished I would go on with the farm this Summer in my own way, as he did not seem to be able to think or plan. that he felt his weakness in that way.

The goods are shuffled from

Merrill were not prepaid
Dunker said they need not be. I
had intended to prepay it until
that morning — the morning we
started. In taking the goods to
the depot, ours were placed in
a car, and those that went to
Rennsen were placed in the
depot. Dunker had to make a
list of everything of course. We did
not get the things over until late
the day before we started, so that
Dunker was a good deal hurried.
When I went to the depot the
morning we came away, we found
that he had not made a list of
the Rennsen things and could
not tell us what the Conference will

to. As he said the freight could be paid at the other end, I thought I would let him do it that way though he offend to typolist the things before the train came in Chicago. I made arrangements with Cousin M. A. R. for her to send you the $20 which you had sent. I found I needed to borrow a little & she kindly consented to lend it. and as she did not have much on hand she was to send you that $20 in a few days. Hope you have received it by this time.

We did not dispose of Home Loan & Building share. We do not intend to dispose of our shares, but keep up the pay in out of them from here. We will send our books & Mr Mason

and let him receipt them, each month, leaving them with him or we will send enough to pay for 3, 6, or 12 months in advance & then he could return the book

I am writing in haste. We are getting settled, which has been slow work on account of Ella's health

With love

J. E. Everett.

Father's ideas, especially in the Utica Countries is his own. I had known nothing of it till he gave me his letter to read.

Ella says she will write you later.

Oceanstone Aug 23. 95

Our Dear Aunt: —

We are very sorry to hear of Aunt Mary's sickness. We are glad she is not so poorly as she was last Fall, and we sincerely hope that she will be spared such a time as that, and may soon feel like herself again.

It is a good Providence that has sent Cousin Jennie to you. She has been on hand just at the right point so many times. Give our love to her.

We did not realize that Aunt Jane was hurt so badly. It is very fortunate that she has been getting along so nicely. Is Clara at home this Summer. We should be glad to hear from her.

We are still at Oceanstone. Father has not tried as yet to build. A week ago Sunday,

I spent at Onaga, in Nemaha County, in the Northern part of the State, about a hundred and seventy miles from here, I had a very pleasant time, finding the Church in a good town of the size of Lemars or smaller, and sustained by a well-to-do and respectable farming community.

Last Sunday I spent at Wichita. There are two of our Churches there, - one a thrifty one, - the other in rather a precarious condition. It is the latter which I was sent to inspect. There are some very promising features about it however. It is in a way connected with a new

Congregational School, which is just opening as a College. I do not know as yet whether we will settle there. We would, in some accounts, prefer Wichita. The Church & College are about four miles from the city proper but within the city limits. Fairmount is the locality. A street car line connects the settlement with the main part of the city.

Baby is still troubled with his bowels, but he is better than he was. Ella is not at all strong. She is really feeble, but we are all the time hoping she

well be better, Howard & Frances are well. Father is pretty strong. He goes to the farm every day. He does not try to do much, and yet he has a good deal of outdoor work.

Father has no book that I would like one. There are two or three which he would like, — one a Bible, one a book of Psalms, — one a Greek Testament. I thought you might be willing to get your yearly interest in the Bible so early & two of us getting these for him. The amount comes to three dollars and

sixty cents. I have added an item to the list. namely a Welsh & English Testament to make it up to four dollars (actually it amounts to $3.95-) If you care to do this will you sign the orders enclosed in the enclosed envelope and mail. If you have already called for ally you are entitled to for this yea. or wish to use it some other way we will order less for Father. In that case let me know, so that I may act accordingly.

Robert joins me in love to all. Mary and her mother, Lewis & Olive

have called at different times lately. And we see Robert quite frequently. He looks very natural.

Ella wants me to ask you whether if we are settled over a church soon Good Aunt Mary sets strong enough to stand you will not come to live near us again or if you do not want to know whether you will not come & spend the Winter with us. We want to have you near again. If I should [illegible] we should so to which I may say that rents are very reasonable here

a month
- five dollars, for a
nice large house
on Fairmount
We wish very much we
might see you. We shall look
forward from you again
soon, and we trust it may
be convenient for you to
write often while Aunt Mary
is so ill. How is Cousin
Jennie? Hope she is well
and strong. Is Cousin
Josephine well again?
Did you receive the
photographs we sent.
We do not think much
of those of ours. Ella
thinks if you were too ashamed
of them to mention them, but
you only feel about them a
good deal as we do.

Did we ever tell you where we live in Swarthmore? Aunt Mary will know the locality. You go one block north from the corner where the Farmers & Mechanics Bank stands (Capt. Smith's bank) only not on that side of the street, but keeping on the West side. At the first corner you turn West and go to the second house, a yellow one. That is our forever home. It is one of the Gilson houses. Perhaps Aunt Mary may remember about them. We are but a very short distance from the Congregational Church.

With love —

J. E. & E. Everett

Dr Weir Mitchell. A lady here was treated there some years ago, and was made well & strong, though she had been an invalid for a long time. Her trouble was a good deal like Ella's. Or she may go to the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. Or she may not go at all. We are perplexed, not knowing what is best to do.

What is Cousin Fannie's baby's name? I think she ought to make room for Ned Alexander in the name somewhere.

Our church is preparing for an Experience Social, to be held next Tuesday evening. It is expected that we will raise Fifty or Sixty dollars or more.

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just after moving, and spending the summer in Osawatomie, (and spending our money as well as the summer) we were really in need of the help. It was a blessing just suited to our need. Perhaps it was more impressed on me than the other boxes because it contained more in it for myself, - in the way of clothes. There must have been a hundred dollars worth of value in the box. It was from the Broadway Tabernacle in New York. Lately we have learned that the Broadway Tabernacle is famous for sending out good rich boxes. Perhaps we are over sensitive in feeling as we do about these boxes, but we have kept the matter to ourselves. Our first box we got two years ago. We got the third a few weeks ago.

If Ellen should go to Philadelphia, would it be too great a care for you to have Faidee and Roberts with you for awhile. Faidee is a good girl and knows how to take care of Roberts to a T, and is almost always very good in doing it too.

Hoping to hear from you you both soon
With love from us all
J. S. Everett.

Allen means to answer your letter but will not do it at this time. E. S.

Kiowa, Kas. Jany 7, 1896.

My Dear Aunts: ——

It seems to us that we do not hear from you very often lately. But we are glad that it is not because of sickness. We judge that you are both better than usual, from your letters. But this Winter is pretty severe for you! New York seems to have suffered from such hard storms that the papers have told of them, and we have heard of them in that way. Then perhaps you have had many storms that we have heard nothing about. We have been free from bad weather. In November we had quite a cold snap, and during the last week or more, we have had a little snow and rather cold winds. But yesterday it was warm again and

it is also mild today. The last week's storm was very severe we see in some parts of Kansas, and further south, there having been a cyclone. I believe in Louisiana

We are about as usual, all pretty well except Ella. As far as we can see she is not gaining. But perhaps she is, nevertheless. Dr Robinson thought she would be several months an invalid.

Our cow is a comfort to us. We have all the milk we want to drink and have not had to buy any butter either since getting her. We are also selling a quart of milk a day, now, and sometimes two quarts.

We are not sure but we will have Ella go to a hospital after all. She has felt quite inclined to a hospital in Philadelphia; - she thinks it is or has been under the direction of

Dr Weir Mitchell. A lady here was treated there some years ago, and was made well & strong, though she had been an invalid for a long time. Her trouble was a good deal like Ella's. Or she may go to the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. Or she may not go at all. We are perplexed, not knowing what is best to do.

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Kiowa, Ks. May 7, 1896.

My Dear Aunts: -

Aunt Anna's letter of May 6. is just received, and before I go home I will write a word in answer.

It is very painful to us here to learn of Aunt Mary's sickness, as it is of the sickness of either of you; because our distance from you makes it impossible for us to think of going back and forth unless called by absolute necessity. We hope very much that Aunt Mary will be better very soon. And that the doctor will not be called in again. I am afraid you are both quite poorly a good deal of the time.

I feel almost guilty - in being so far away from you. We wouldn't have left Michigan, & except we had been, as it seemed to us, almost compelled to come. Father's accident, and resulting ill-health and homelessness, would have made it necessary for me to have been with him for a long number of weeks last Summer. Then I would have had to return to Mich. & look up a church, & in the meantime Ella and the family would have

been at Expense with nothing coming in. Then again the baby was such an overpowering burden at that time that it did not seem best for me to leave Ella with him. All things taken together it seemed to us that we had no other way before us than to move to Kansas. — When we think of you both being there so far away from us, and in feeble health, we have more than once spoken as though our increasing the distance between us was not apparently just right; — but on the other hand, we believe that we could not easily have done otherwise.

We shall think of you very often now, hoping that you may have it easier soon.

We have not heard from Cousin Mat Roberts since she went to California. We have not her address, and have not written her, though I have intended to do so, addressing her at Chicago, knowing the letter would be forwarded.

Ella does not get any better. She grows weaker, I believe. We will do something before long to try to help her. We have just got a horse, and are going to try to have her ride a good deal. We have sent for the buggy which is still at Osawatomie. We may drive through to Osawatomie after awhile, to see whether the open air & riding will be beneficial.

We shall be anxious to hear again.

Yours With Love

J. E. Everett

Osawatomie, Kan., Aug 16, 1896.

My Dear Aunts: —

We were very glad to receive your good letter yesterday. We are still at the farm and must remain for a little time. We cannot leave while the cattle are here to be attended to. It seems that they will need to be disposed of, and we think there will be no need of keeping them any longer than necessary. I do not know whether the sale will bring more now than later in the Fall or less. The probabilities are not very definite as far as I can learn, and as there is no kind of assurance that anything will be gained by waiting, we do not think it wise to arrange to stay here longer than we are obliged to.

The neighbors were kind during

Father's sickness and after his death.
Robert sat up one night before he came,
while he was really sick himself. I am
not sure but he was up more than one
night. Horace Barnard and others also
sat up. He and Robert were there when
I arrived. Horace returned in the evening
and though he did not intend staying, as
there were two others who were here to sit up,
he continued here till quite late, and
then thinking that Father was worse or
likely to be, he stayed right on. About
midnight Father became decidedly worse,
and it was soon evident that he was dying.
He passed away about 17 minutes before one.
We very soon called one of the men and
he drove me to town to telegraph to Ella
I thought possibly the telegram would be
delivered immediately, and that she would
in that way have time to get ready & start
that day, and reach here Sunday morning
as the men thought at first that the
funeral ought to be held Sunday. But
we decided afterwards that it would be

as well to have it Monday. However, Ed got here Sunday morning about daylight Uncle Edward came on the same train Had telegraphed him at the same time. We held the funeral services at the house. The bearers were Mr. Stanley Elias Snyder Mr. Patterson, Will Bullock, Peter Reynolds and John Lessenden

Henry Stanley was a great help to us as he is himself an undertaker, having just returned to the farm recently.

There is not much to say about Father's sickness more than I have already said. Sunday the 2nd he helped with the work milking as usual in the evening. One of the hands was to leave that night. Father told him he might return the next morning, saying that he was not well. He felt as though he might be going to have a spell of sickness. The next morning he told one of the boys to get the breakfast, as he was not able to be around. That day he was up and down, — and in a kind of

stupor much of the time. Tuesday he was some better. Wednesday he was quite a little worse. Thursday he was better again, and conversed some. Friday morning he talked some to one or two callers. Robert wrote to me Wednesday. The letter reached me Thursday noon. The returning train started out at five minutes before one so I could not make it. So I took the Santa Fe going out at 4.43. P.M. and reached here about twenty four hours later.

The doctor thinks the heat was more than Father could endure, and that it was the cause of his sickness. He had been working hard during the Summer, and had lately been somewhat worried, it appears by the hands, who were not inclined to push the work. Heart-failure, the Doctor says, was the immediate cause of his death. Dr Hayes had charge.

Monday. A.M.

It is raining this morning. I have been

helping with the chores, and it has got to be nearly noon. Andy, the man, is separating the milk, which takes about an hour, more or less. The little house is quite comfortable. - an immense improvement on the old cabin. There are two rooms below and one above, which however could be made into two. We occupy the loft for a bedroom, and Andy (and another man, when there is one,) sleeps on the floor down stairs

Tomorrow I presume I shall see about bills for the sale. We will give nine months time on sums over five dollars. I believe that is customary. At all events, I am not permitted to give longer time than that.

There are some things that were given to Father by you, and by Cousin M.A.R. and a few by us, that will not be put up for sale. We want you to write us what to do with the things you gave him. We are having the bedding washed

Howard has been sick for a few days. - but is better today. He over-exerted himself - we think. He has been playing too hard, and riding horse-back. He will be strong again soon.

The rest of us have been about as
usual. Robert still remains quite
poorly—

Kiowa, Ks. Dec 29, 1896.

My Dear Aunts:—

We were glad to receive your letter yesterday. Ella has been home now for a week. We cannot tell whether she is going to get well under her present treatment or not. Dr. Robinson thinks she will after some months.

The most alarming trouble is the sore in the neighborhood of her right ovary. She has felt that since before the baby was born. Dr Robinson says it is in the large intestine. He thinks that the action of the intestine was impeded until at one place it became enlarged so as to form a kind of sack, and that it has in that way grown sore. If that could be relieved, our alarm would be greatly lessened. But no relief has as yet come to that. Otherwise she is better though she is weak.

and unable to sit up long at a time. Some days. We have a pretty good girl. Mrs. Conner went home the day Ella returned, and we had our girl ready to take her place.

I have just been writing to Cousin M. A. K. acknowledging the ten dollars she so kindly and generously sent.

I am strongly inclined to send Ella to Chicago in a few weeks - to the Presbyterian Hospital, if she does not begin to show prominent signs of improvement. I wonder if there is a good Homoeopathic Hospital in Chicago. The homoeopathic physician whom we formerly had here has been away for a good many months.

We got a cow last week. We enjoy this luxury. We had intended getting one this fall, but had finally decided we would have to give up the idea, on account of the expense. But we had a chance to get a good cow for twenty dollars. She is fresh and so we can milk her for a long time. Yesterday

Leda, our girl, made some butter, nearly three pounds, that was Monday, and we got the Cow last Wednesday.

We also have a little pig, given us about six weeks ago. He is as fat and round as an apple. The milk he has had during the last week, is a very acceptable addition to his diet. We have chickens, too, but we get no eggs from them. Those we may now, because a stable was recently built on our lot. We think they have been going away to lay.

We had a present of a hog, butchered last week. It was from Dr. Cloud, whose wife's funeral I conducted a few weeks ago. Mrs. Comer came and helped cut it up, and made ~~sausage~~ sausage for us.

I must draw my letter to a close, as I have to go into the country six or eight miles this afternoon. Howard will go with me, there being no school this week.

With much love from us All,

Yours, Affectionately,

J. C. Everett.

Kiowa Kan, Jan 15, 1899.

My Dear Aunts! —

Aunt Anna's postal card came this morning. We were glad to hear, if but a little, It is a long time since we have received much of a letter from you. We are glad you are both standing the winter so well. It was a pretty cold time for you almost home to have a severe cold, but it is very fortunate that it got better so soon. Thirty one degrees below zero is pretty cold, Even for Kansas. I hope you did not have to be out, either of you during those cold waves.

Ella is going to the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago this week, starting tomorrow or Wednesday. It seems best for her to go where she can have the advice of

specialists, and the best facilities for treatment. Her bowels are incorrigible, and the sore spot in her side a source of great apprehension.

Ella wrote you last week, and so you will hear from us before this reaches you. She will hope to have you write her in Chicago. Her address will be, Presbyterian Hospital cor. of Congress and Wood Streets. We have a good girl Mollie Gillig, who will stay while Ella is gone.

Howard and Zaidee continue to do well at school. Howard has been attending a singing school held in our church. The last few weeks, another term of it will begin in two or three weeks, and I guess he will attend that too. For an Experience Social given last week, Zaidee earned the dollar for her mother, and her experience pleased the audience very much. The Social realized about 62 dollars. We are keeping Robert pretty closely at home this

Willie, because there is whooping cough in the neighborhood, also chicken-pox; — but he has had the latter. He is full of business all the time. He will begin to go to Sunday School in the Spring, we hope.

I am glad you had a visit from Carroll. Where does he think of locating, East or West, when he is through the Seminary?

With love from us all

Your Nephew,

J. E. Evenett.

Kiowa, Kan, Jan 29, 1897.

My Dear Aunts: —

A postal card came to us today in Aunt Anna's hand, and we were real glad to hear from you again. It seemed quite a while since we had heard. We are pleased to know that you are pretty well, or rather to infer it from your card. I suppose you are having your share of Statistical Winter weather. You can count on the severe weather being about half over now. We hardly mind the Winters here, indeed they are far more enjoyable than the Summers. I often think of how we used to long for Spring to come back in New York — of how tedious the Winter became.

We do not feel that way here. Lately we have had a touch of Winter weather but nothing very severe — a little snow — a good deal of mud, the air pretty chill, and the confident hope — in a few days all will be pleasant and the roads dusty again; — that is the kind of wintry spells we have in southwestern Kansas.

I am sorry to learn of the death of Wm. J. Price. I often think of the people in Remsen and Steuben and had frequently thought of him of late. Many changes have occurred of late among the old friends.

Do you still find your rooms comfortable? Do you find it hard to live up stairs? It would be nice if you had a little house in some convenient part of the

village. Perhaps it is ready to cheap to rent. It would depend some on the price of property. Here property has been very cheap. It is perhaps higher now ~~decreasing~~ the last few months. What rent do you pay? How many rooms have you, and how have you them arranged. We have five rooms fairly good sized, but we have not as much room as ~~you~~ we would like.

We are sorry to learn that Cousin M.R.L is poorly. Hope that she will be better soon. She ~~must miss~~ Cousin Alexander, Jane Sue.

You both have been staying pretty closely at home for some time, have you not? We shall be glad when you can visit us again either here or when we get ~~father~~ back. Eliot, if indeed we ~~friends~~. We mean to stick out for some

point East of the Mississippi after the dissolution of the Farm.

We are all about as usual, except Sophia Ella, who is if anything, rather poorly than she has been. We have been unable to get a girl for some time.

Lewis is going home in another week to attend Court as a juror and Lewis must go to take charge of things at home. He has been a very faithful pupil, and has made great progress in his studies. He will have been here nearly five months.

Our love to you.

Your Nephew

J. Ed. Everett,

Ella wrote that she received a letter from you which should have arrived Thursday also. We received one from Hattie Thursday.

Peoria, Ill. Jan 1, 1911.

My Dear Aunts

Aunt Mary's letter dated 28. came today at noon. It was postmarked at Rensselaer Jan 29, 9. PM. The children are much pleased with their letters. Roberts is hardly critical enough as yet to understand the merit of Aunt Mary's writing, but if we can keep it for him, it may be some day.

Ella writes hopefully from Chicago. She is given a colonic flushing every day, and she thinks her bowels are beginning to act. The Doctor says that that treatment is bound to bring them to act, & she wrote in her last, received today, she thought he is taking very little medicine.

that she takes as I believe, is Cascarafills. These are supposed to be strengthening to the bowels. She thinks that she will not have to undergo an operation. Her liver does not work just right, it seems, but her lungs and heart are sound. She has some bronchites. She has not said anything about her stomach, except that at the first examination a stomach pump was applied, & no undigested food was discovered. She has not said much about the pain in her side, except that it still troubles her. I think they consider it as Dr. Robinson in Manhattan did, a distention of the large intestine at one point, which causes a kind of sack to be formed, but I am not sure that they have really committed themselves in regard to that trouble.

Two doctors attend Ella - a young

Manhattan light. The former's name is Robinson, who comes two or three times a week. The latter comes every day. She thinks from all that she can learn that it may not be necessary to stay there many weeks. We went the 20th of January reaching there the 21st and taking her first treatment — the 22nd. The expense is 11.20 a week, which is 20% off, the discount being to ministers family. That includes room, board, & nursing. The medical attention is besides that. We do not know what that will be. We will be able to meet the expense. We have ahead a very little at the end of our year here, which helps towards the Manhattan expense, which all told was a bout a hundred dollars a half of which we had in the bank to begin with. To start in the

present trip. We sent for some-
thing over twenty which Ella had
in Merrill. - rent & Money for the
house for a few months. And
I took forty from Osawatomie. -
which I had in the bank there. I
had designedly left something there
in case some demand might
arise that I did not foresee. It
proved that the demand was my own.
Then the Church is owing us 30. be-
sides 20 paid today, and the H.M.
Society is indebted $25 to us. Then
if Ella has to remain here, she will
have some interest - that she can use
in April, and by that time, our
yield will have netted us something
again over and above our necessary
home Expenses. I think we will
get along without any trouble. I think
I can borrow here if necessary.
Ella does not take the Ladies Home

journal. I intended most surely that she should have it this year, but our extra Expenses have made us pretty careful. She would like very much to receive it from you. If you send it, send it to Chicago while she is there. We are pretty well favored with papers now. Cousin M.A.R. sends the Advance Mr. Ewell (of our Church here) subscribed for the Christian Work (formerly Christian at Work) for me for a year sometime late last Summer, a Mrs. Ash subscribed for the Christian Herald for us last Fall (about November) and a Mrs. Strong of New Britain sends us the Congregationalist (Boston) ~~not~~ sometimes a couple of weeks late). Besides these we ourselves subscribe for the Outlook and the Golden Rule.

We do not know the whereabouts of Cousin M.A.R. Before Ella

went to Chicago. I wrote to her thinking she might possibly be at home, but have heard nothing in reply. Ella has heard nothing either.

In regard to our chimney, I think all it needed was one brick. I was told the other day that if one brick is missing from the 4th layer, when the wind blows hard from the quarter thus defective, the draft will be injured, the wind will go down the chimney. There seems to be some reason in it doesn't there? If such that just that defect was in our chimney and put a brick in the vacant spot. I cannot tell yet whether the remedy will prove adequate.

Roberts has written you a letter. All were pleased with their cards, Molly included. With much love.

J. E. C.

Kansas City Feb 24 1897

My Dear Aunts: ——

I have been to Chicago, and am on my return. It seemed that Ella was not improving, and I feared she was not receiving the best treatment. It was very good that I did go, as she was getting very discouraged. We decided that the hospital was not the best place for her. Indeed two of the physicians who had attended her thought she would do better under other influences. She is now with Miss Mary Adams, Cousin Mary Harris Cousin, who you know, is a nurse. She is at her home, and will be attended by a Dr. Foster, a friend of Miss Adams and of Dr. Clark — one of whom the Hospital Physicians spoke highly as a suitable one to take the case. I feel very hopeful now, and think that a month will work a change. There is a good deal of delay at the hospital in medical cases. Surgical cases seem to absorb the attention largely. Ella's address is 727 Winchester Ave. With love J. E. E.

POSTAL CARD - ONE CENT.

United States of America.

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY.

Miss Anna L. Everett,

Renssen

Ky.

Box 174

Kiowa, Kan. Mar 19, 1897.

My Dear Aunts: —

The little round box addressed to Robert came yesterday. We thank you very much for remembering our little pet. He was very greatly pleased, but seemed to appreciate the purse more than its contents. He thought he wanted to spend the dollar for peanuts; but his parents will try to invest it in something more permanent use. He was greatly elated by having a birthday. His brother and sister got a dolly for him, and Judee and Molly worked till nearly ten o'clock the night before, making it a dress. His mother came home on his birthday. She is somewhat improved, but is very poorly yet. She has brought medicine

with her. She is not taking strong remedies. The Manhattan physician gave very strong medicine, and we think likely to her injury. Her medicine now is principally tonic and laxative. She has found Rubinat water very helpful to her bowels. She also has Maltine and Cascara. She also has a certain tonic with charcoal in it. The Doctor has advised her to take the Rubinat water in small doses, not in sufficient quantities for a cathartic. I am almost afraid that when the high winds set in she will be greatly distressed by them. They are very trying to strong nerves, even. They have not come yet, and some are hoping that they may not be as bad as usual on account of the more than usual amount of rain that we have had. The ground is damp, it seems, through the south west, and the air coming over it, will not be so likely to grow heated & produce winds!

I remember that at this time of the year

we used to think that Winter had still a pretty good prospect ahead in Oneida County. Our grass is getting green here, and I shiver for you when I think that you may have a good month of snow yet. I wrote you in my last that people were making gardens. Since then however, we have had two days or so of quite cold weather, but it came out nice and warm afterwards. Since then we have had a good rain, and as it was immediately succeeded by 4 warm days, we feel that we are in the midst of our Springtime.

I remember Attie Douglass, and had been thinking of her just a few days before you wrote about her in your last letter. I shall be glad to be remembered to her. I do not remember about her teaching me any Mother Goose rhymes, but have an idea that she gave me some-thing once, — a jumping-jack I believe

think it was. I believe that Nellie Pugh gave me something, too. I wonder what it was. I was thinking about her, too, lately. I must have been a very small boy when she died. Is Maria still in Michigan? I suppose she sometimes visits Remsen.

Did I tell you that Roberts & I went to Wellington last week to meet Ella? I expected her home a week ago last Wednesday. She had written me that she was ready to come home, but she needed money. She was to be ready to start the day she heard from me. So I sent her a draft, and supposed she would receive it Monday morning, & start that evening. So I wrote her full directions so that we might not miss each other. She would have reached Wellington Wednesday evening, so I took Roberts with me and went to meet her. But she failed to get the

letter. After reaching home I telegrashed her, & on hearing that she had not received my letter I sent another draft, & she came last Wednesday. The next day (yesterday) my letter came back, I had made a mistake in the address, putting 127 instead of 227. I believe now that I have finished this tale, that I wrote you about it before, - all except ~~(illegible)~~ - my finally having the letter returned to me.

We received a letter from Cousin Fannie the other day, containing Cousin Mary Ann's letter. (I was glad to hear from the Utica Cousins. Ella had a nice letter from Cousin Mary Ann while she was in Chicago.) I also heard from Hattie ~~(illegible)~~ a short time ago. We are so far away, that we enjoy hearing from our friends. We hear from Merrill quite often, and take

the Sentinel. Maggie's first term of
School will soon be over.
Ella sends love to you both.
Affectionately Your Nephew
J. E. Everett.

Kiowa, Kan. Apr. 8, 1897.

My Dear Aunts: —

We have not heard from you since the letter announcing Cousin Alexander's death. We are afraid you are sorely as you were at that time. You were neither of you feeling well. Aunt Mary was recovering from the flu, and Aunt Anna in the middle of an attack of the same disease. We hope you are both much better. The flu is no slow in leaving its victims sometimes that one hardly knows whether one is getting well or not.

We are about as usual in health. Ella has had a bad cold for several days, otherwise we think she is growing

slowly, & at all events holding her own. She suffers a great deal from Catarrh down here. She was better off East in Manhattan, and in Chicago. But when she gets into Harper County she becomes worse. We are anxious to get away from this locality. The children are well. Their school will be out in about three weeks. The school year is made short here on account of the long severe hot season. There are six pupils graduating this year. They are to have graduating Exercises with orations. Four of them have brought their orations to me for criticism and correction.

The Spring is opening favorably. The prairies are green. We have not had much wind as yet. There have been enough showers to keep vegetation growing. But now we are having a cold snap, but it has not

frozen. It may do so tonight if the wind subsides and the clouds clear away. But I do not expect it.

A cyclone destroyed a large part of Chandler, in Oklahoma about ten days ago. There was that afternoon a severe storm here but no damage was done. The storm was hard, "severe" here enough, but for a time the sky looked ominous, and the wind blew hard for a few minutes. Chandler is perhaps something more than a hundred miles from us, a place of about 1500 people, I believe about fifteen or twenty persons were killed. and many injured. We took it as new Care for a dust time.

I received yesterday a copy of the Illustrated News containing an account of Cousin Alexander. It was addressed in Fannie's hand.

We are having a good fire today. Our hard coal is exhausted. We are burning wood in a little heater with some soft coal with it. We do not get good wood. We are burning Cotton wood now. It is dry and makes a splendid fire, but it burns right out. But soft coal mixed with it does better. Neither one alone. Elm is considered the best fire wood to be found about here. In Michigan we did not esteem that variety very highly for fuel purposes. The wood we are burning now was cut about 20 miles or more from us.

Will Glazier is doing well in College. He has but two years more in Church. He will graduate in '99. He has worked hard to keep himself in school. He has just about six years work into four.

We hope to hear from you soon. Let us receive a long letter from you.

Will Love to Everett

Kiowa, Kansas

May 26, 1897.

My Dear Aunts:—

I believe we owe you a letter. We have not done much corresponding for a few weeks. We had an evangelist here for two weeks. He has been gone now for more than a week. He did a good work here we think, though we have not many additions to the church as a result. We received seven Sunday. But we feel that he helped the church, nevertheless.

We have had a moist Spring, and it is hoped there will be at least one good crop—the wheat. It looks very fine, and will be ready to cut in about two weeks, but for

a few days it has been dry again and yesterday ~~and~~ today the wind has been blowing, and if this continues the crop may be very much injured. And it is likely to get worse rather than better. Hot winds are very liable to come any day. I think they came earlier than this last year.

Ella's health continues about the same. We are thinking now that we will go to Excelsior Springs for a month after the hot weather gets fairly under headway. Perhaps Ella & Jaden and the baby will stay longer. Excelsior Springs is in Missouri, near Kansas City. — I think twenty-eight miles from K.C. It is much attended as a health resort, and yet it is a cheap place too. We would get two or three rooms, which we understand we could rent for perhaps two or three dollars a month. Then we would board our-

selves. Won't you come and make the party larger? We wish you would.

Next week the notes from the sale will be due. I hope that they will nearly all be paid on time, and that I can very soon pay your interest Aunt Mary. I shall attend to it as soon as I learn that there is enough hail in to meet it. I do not know that I shall have to go to Osawatomie now. But I probably shall go there before very long. I may stop on the way to Excelsior Springs. I think I had better make preparations this summer to advertise the place for sale, though I despair of finding a purchaser very soon, at a price that would seem suitable.

Ella is reading the Ladies' Home Journal, which just came today. She thinks a great deal of it.

We are in usual health. Howard and Zaida have no school now. Zaida is a large girl, though her mother thinks she is not growing very fast. Howard is just beginning to wear an ~~over~~ fine shirt with collar which gives him a great sense of his importance. Roberts continues to grow and improve.

I was very much surprised some days ago to be approached by Mr. Ewell, a member of our school board and also the most prominent member of our church, with the question of whether I could not take the principalship of the Kiowa school for next year, in connection with the church work. It seems that the board had talked the matter over, and were favorable to proposing the matter to me. I have told Mr. Ewell that if the church would probably be willing I would

like to try. But the board may change their minds, or there may be some serious objection advanced by some of the church people. At all events, we do not consider the matter as anything more than a probability or perhaps a possibility even as yet. We would like to have things work around that way, though, for a year. The addition to our salary would be very acceptable. They pay $5.70 in the school. Our school has had five teachers but it is proposed to cut the number to four, and omit some of the branches. There seems to be a necessity for retrenchment or at all events a general call by the tax payers for it.

We want to hear from you often.

With love Your Nephew J. E. Everett.

Geuda Springs, Kas. July 13, 1897.

My Dear Aunts: —

It is some time since we have written, and it seems to us a long time since we have heard from you. We received the Boonville Herald yesterday.

We are at Geuda Springs, — pronounced with G hard and eu long. We came a week ago yesterday, and shall stay three weeks longer, till Aug 6th or 7th or perhaps the 5th. It is about 75 miles East of Kiowa, eight or ten miles Northwest from Arkansas City. It is a small place, and quiet — a good place for resting. We have secured two rooms in a nice, hospitable private family, one of them furnished with bed, dresser, wash-stand, carpet, chairs, &c. The other room

is bare. We brought bedding and dishes, — at least enough for our real need. We cook down stairs on Mrs. Crooks gasolene stove, the rooms being up stairs. Our apartments open into a hall running North and South, with a door in the North end and a bedroom with a South window at the other end. So we can get splendid ventilation. It was breezy and as cool as it could be anywhere. Last week when the hot spell was with us. This week it is delightful.

We are but four or five blocks from the Springs, which consist of eight different waters flowing from pipes in a row. Originally seven of these waters bubbled up from a rock surface having an area of not more than fifteen or twenty feet square. They have been piped and led to the verge of this rock, — just a few feet — and made to flow as I have said, from iron four inch vases. They are known by their numbers. Number one and two are supposed to have tonic properties. They contain iron. Number two also contains

sulphur. Number three and four are used by rheumatic patients. Number five acts on the kidneys. Number seven is for the stomach and bowels. We have not learned what six is supposed to be good for. It does not seem to be in great demand. Number eight is salty. It is brought from another point several ~~rods~~ distant.

We hear of remarkable cures wrought by these waters. Ella has not as yet felt any benefit from using them. Perhaps she may before she gets away from here.

Yuma is not a place that has a rush of guests. There are perhaps seventy-five or a hundred visitors here now. We are enjoying our stay here very much though it is thus far uneventful, and indeed we are not trying to make it otherwise.

Two weeks before coming to Yuma we had another very pleasant outing. One of the ladies of our church is the wife of a cattle man. But she is not

the only one who may be thus described. She is the only one, however, who lives on a ranch. She has repeatedly invited us to visit her at the "Camp," as the ranch "home" is usually called, - a term that is hardly applicable however to her abode, because it is a real civilized home, though she does not have much of her furniture and home luxuries around her; — these she leaves in town, for she has been living on the ranch only two years or so. Even her best clothes she leaves with her sister in Kiowa, wearing them only when she comes out to where folks live.

So we finally accepted her invitation. The ranch is about thirty miles from Kiowa. We drove the distance in two days, stopping at night with friends nine miles out on our journey. The journey was very interesting to us, - especially the last fifteen miles or so, which was entirely new to us, and took us through a rough region cut by abrupt gorges. There were no fences to guide us. We were directed to follow the trail. The road kept along an old

U. S Government trail that formerly led to Camp Supply a military post that was located about a hundred miles or more South West from Kiowa. We could see the grass grown ruts, sometimes a number of them side by side, and so be sure that we were on the right path. Then there was a well worn track too for us to follow. But where roads branched off, we knew which path to follow by keeping our eye on the "old Government trail." Before reaching Mr. Crowdson's pasture, we had to go across another large pasture four or six miles from fence to fence, — and it seemed fully ten to us.

Finally we reached what we were sure must be Mr. Crowdson's gate. But his house is two miles or so beyond. We were told it was a mile and a half. It seemed to us at least four miles. The path wound around among the hills and along the timber so long that we feared we had made a mistake.

At last, however, we found ourselves

right at the house. The first glimpse we got of it was just as we turned a bend in the road and found that it was right in front of us. We thought it one of the most picturesque bits of scenery that we had seen in a long time. It was situated a little above us with a plat of soft smoothe grass on the hither side, and woods on the further side. The house itself is a picture. It is what is called a picket house, and is made of posts set lengthwise in the ground several feet and placed in contact. It is as though fence posts were set in a compact row. They reach about seven feet high. They constitute the walls of the house. The roof is of sod, and had, when we were there, a sparse crop of weeds two feet high, which were beginning to wither then, and must now be pretty well along in the sear and yellow leaf.

We got there Tuesday. I returned Thursday, Ella stayed till the next Monday when Mr. & Mrs. Crewdson brought her home.

The visit was a real treat to us. The country about Mr. Crewdson's is full of abrupt hills and knobs capped with light gray gypsum rock, and of rugged gorges, or canons, as they are called. One of the canons cannot be crossed for a long distance either way except at one place where there is a natural bridge twenty or thirty feet thick vertically. There are caves in the hills too, though we did not go to any, because they were several miles away. Mr. Crewdson's pasture contains in the neighborhood of fifteen thousand acres. He and one man take care of it for the most part. The chief work a good deal of the time is "riding the lines" which consists of riding a-horse-back with a hammer and staples along the fence to repair it if need be. This is done every day or every other day. There are something like 70 miles of fence, I suppose around Mr. Crewdson's pasture. He attends to about half of it, I think, and his neighbors attend to the rest.

I have written quite a letter, and will

Now close for this time, with love from us all.

Your Nephew

J. E. Everett.

Kiowa, Kan Aug 13. 1897.

My Dear Aunts: —

We received a telegram yesterday morning stating that Ella's mother had died the day before. She got ready hurriedly and started yesterday afternoon, and is now on the way. She will reach Merrill Saturday at Eleven o'clock. It is doubtful whether the funeral will be held Over till she gets there. She took Haidee and the baby. Howard and I are keeping house together.

We returned from Sunday last week Wednesday. We spent a very pleasant month there. The hot winds were bad here during that time, but we escaped them

It was very warm at Genda much of the time, but not so bad as it was here. The months of June and July (or from about the 15 of June till the fourth or third of Aug) were exceedingly dry and warm in this locality. (There was no rain for seven weeks and one day.) The corn is a failure here. But in many parts of the state the crop is good. At Genda it is pretty good. At Osawatomie I mean that it is good. But here it is pretty nearly burned up. But there will be "feed", & that is a great aid to prosperity here. I mean fodder. There will be some corn fodder, but more of the feed will be the Kaffir Corn & ~~feed~~ fodder of that kind. These varieties stand dry weather better than the common corn.

We have learned of a homestead

physician in Emporia, who is said to be very good. - quite remarkably successful. - and I think that Ella will stop there on her way back. It is Dr. Yingling. If she does I may go as far as that to meet her. Indeed I ought to go to Osawatomie this Fall, and I may be able to make both places at the same time. It appears very much now as though I would teach this school this Winter. The school is to begin Sept 13. So if I teach, it will be necessary for me to get all my running around done before that time. It almost frightens me to think of teaching & preaching too. because the Church work is an important work, and one which requires a good deal of attention. I suppose it is one of the strongest churches in the County, and although that

does not mean very much in this far Western Country. Yet it counts for something as showing the importance of the work. Then the Principalship of the school is a work that will demand all the energy that one can spare. There will be four other teachers. And I am supposed to have an oversight, in a measure, over all I suppose in all there will be from two hundred and twenty five to two hundred and fifty pupils. Last year there were about two twenty five. We hear that a good many families wish to move into town for the Winter for school privileges. But the houses this Fall are very scarce, & that may prevent some from coming who would like to.

Ella would like to have you write to

I do not know how long she will stay. Very likely she will return about the first of Sept. though she may stay longer than that. She may indeed stay till after our school opens. Will has been teaching in a Normal school in Saginaw this Summer. It is a school that he & some others organized last year, — a Summer school. — This year was therefore its second term. They seemed to be getting a foothold. But Will got sick from heat & overwork. I do not know whether the school is out or not. He was not kept from his work by his sickness more than a week. He is working himself very hard to earn in College. We have been hoping to be able to help him. but have not yet to any extent. We had such large expenses last year with Sister

that it was all we could do to keep along ourselves. Indeed considering all things, - our moving here so recently, &c. we got along very well. We have had to borrow some, but have not had to let our debts run along. We have been able to pay up our little obligations in a few weeks after contracting them. So on the whole, we have great reason to be encouraged. Then if we teach this year, we will find the additional salary a great help.

What are you doing these Summer days. We are in the midst of the peach season. There was a very promising prospect for peaches early in the Season, but the dry weather cut the crop rather short. Still there are a good many. They are selling now, I believe, from sixty to seventy-cents per bushel. I want to get some one to stay some while Ella is away. She had done a few before she went. - Will Lee [illegible]

Kiowa, Kan Feb. 25-97.

My Dear Aunts! —

I feel that it is a long time since - I have written to you. It is, I am afraid, nearly a month, I have been pretty fully occupied during that time and have neglected what did not have to be attended to immediately.

I am now teaching. Two weeks of the term have passed. I find the work pretty pressing, together with the Church duties. But I have thus far enjoyed it.

Ella began a letter to you some days ago, but has not finished it. But she has had you in mind. She is doing her

own work now, because we are unable to get a girl. We are hoping every day to hear of someone. She has done her own work since she came home from Nuching a which was a little over two weeks ago - Sept 9.

I was in Osawatomie the week she got home. We met there, I joined her on the train as she went through.

Lewis is with us now. He is going to school. We suggested his coming last year, but Ella was so poorly & our plans so uncertain that we did not say much about it. But this fall we seemed to be settled for the Winter, and thought we would be glad to have him with us. He is a good boy - and thorough in his studies. He is 17 years old.

We have never acknowledged

I spoke to Mr. Barnes in Osawatomie and he said he would inform me, if any opportunity arose for putting money out. I told him that none but the best security would do. Eight percent seems to prevail, on the best security.

the Children's testaments. They are very nice and the children think a great deal of them. Robert has a blue ribbon in his, so that he can tell it from the others. He uses it every morning when we have reading, and has to have his father find the place for him.

I must go up street to do some errands, and have much that I ought to do this afternoon, so I shall write but briefly this time. We send love, and hope you are both well. Our regards to all friends who may inquire.

Your affectionate Nephew
J. E. Everett.

Kiowa, Kan. Dec 11, 1897.

My Dear Aunt: —

How are you these days? I believe we are not corresponding as often as we might. I am pretty busy, and don't have much time to entertain the gentleman, or ladies either. Saturdays I am generally pretty well tired out. Though today I have felt better than usual. — We have had a real Winterly snap for a few days since I wrote you last. It was last week. Since then, however, it has been very pleasant again. Our neighborhood has enjoyed perfect

This fall we got only a ton and a half of coal for it. We ordered two tons and a half but the dealer misunderstood and saved too little for us. You see there is not much hard coal burned here and only enough to keep a man employed in shipping. We hope that more will be brought in after awhile. If not we think some body will have more than he needs, and can spare us some. We pay $10,75 a ton this year. We also have a little wood heater up in our bedroom, both of us use for a study. We have it arranged for soft coal, and we are very comfortable.

It is now more than three years since we have seen you. We would very much like to see you. I think [illegible] a real visit

— more lonely than ever, — dear love because we are separated by so great a distance.

There was a slight earthquake shock felt here about ten days ago. We did not feel it however. It was about one o'clock at night.

We are all in good health, Except Ella, who is more poorly than usual, and a good deal discouraged. She has just begun to take treatment from a homeopathic physician in San Francisco. She has not visited him yet but will probably do after awhile. Mrs D. H. A. Yingling.

You are [illegible] in midst of Winter! We have had but very little snow, and the weather has, most of the time, been very comfortable.

Robert is strong and well. He

does not speak flaring, but is improving. We are desirous of having this picture taken Van and the other children too. But there is no photographer here and do we have to wait.

We do not feel very contented here on account of being a good deal cutoff from the world. This matter of a photographer is an illustration. If we were near to some place of moderate size it would be much pleasanter. Wichita is about a hundred miles away, but the trains are so arranged that we can not go there and come any time to trade, without having to stay two nights. Still we feel more satisfied here since leaving the school, as we are not so crowded financially. We will now have an effort to reconcentrate our forces

respects. Our belongings have dwindled down, or got out of repair, so that we need this additional help to enable us to regain our footing. As yet we have not been running behind in any way, either. I believe we never wrote you that we have an organ. We got it just before leaving Merrill - a nice six octave Estey. The children are taking lessons, and doing nicely - not the youngest of course. Edna has taken a few lessons and would enjoy it very much if her health were better.

I received a letter from Uncle Eddie today, they are well. Cousin Robert visited here a short time ago.

I will now close with love from all

Yours affectionately

J. S. Lowe

Wichita, Kan. May 6, 1896.

My Dear Aunts:-

We were very glad to hear from you the other day. I wanted to answer immediately, but have neglected it thinking I had a kind of excuse in being pretty busy. I am now on my way to the State Congregational Association at Eureka, and will take a few minutes between trains to write. In going East of Wichita on the Mo. Pac. we have to wait four hours and over, here I have been around making a few purchases, and have had supper, and found that there were still about two hours to wait. It is chilly

tonight. We have had the greatest rain that this locality has known for some years. You have probably had more of this storm than we have, as I understand that it has extended to the Atlantic. Our people are now very hopeful of a good crop season. Last night we were afraid of frost, but the sky kept cloudy and the wind kept blowing till nearly morning, and we came through all right.

War is the principle topic of conversation. We are in a remote corner of the country, but we love the flag, nevertheless. Our little town was loud with noise till a late hour the night we heard of Dewey's success at Manila. As yet Kiowa has only one who has enlisted.

Our school closed this morning and I started on this trip at one o'clock. I have enjoyed my work very much

I am very glad that I had the op=
portunity to teach, and glad that
I availed myself of it. I hesitated to
accept the work, but I have got along
so well that I am very thankful that I
undertook it. It seems to have
agreed with me too. I find that I have
gained eight or nine pounds since
the opening of the term last fall.
I have had to weigh myself several
times lately to convince me that I
have really gained in flesh, be=
it has seemed for a long time im=
possible for me to get heavier.
I appear to have been gradually
shriveling up since I was about
sixteen years old. At that time I
remember weighing a hundred
and forty-nine pounds. Since
then I have tipped the scales at
a lower figure as the years have
passed, till during the last
two or three years I had got down

to a hundred and thirty three and four pounds, and perhaps a little less. I feel very happy now to learn that I weigh a hundred and forty two pounds.

There seems to be a prospect of my continuing the work another year. The Board has offered me the school and though the matter of my continuing in the church has not come up, we think it will be all right there too.

We have a small graduating class, - consisting of only two. We have our graduating exercises next Friday evening. The graduates are a girl and a boy. The girl's graduating oration is on "Mistakes". The boy's is "United States Spain & U. Cuba". We have been meaning to send you a program for a week, and we will do so yet. The M.E. pastor is to deliver a sermon

before the class Sunday evening.
It was to have been last Sunday
evening, so that I could have been
present, but it was very rainy and
was postponed. It was to have been
in our church. (The M.E. pastor preaching
but as I was to be away we decided
to have it taken to Mr. Smith's own
Church.

I have made a petition to sell the
farm, and will go to Osawatomie the
first week in June. I fear it will
not be easy to sell to advantage, but
we need not be in a hurry about
it. We can wait till an opportunity
affords. I have not written to
Esther & Frank about this move,
but will when I get the papers
containing the notice.

I will now close
With love
J. E. Everett

Hope to hear from you again soon.

Kiowa, Kansas. June 6 1895.

My Dear Aunts:

I was grieved to learn of the death of Johnny Williams. I remember that he was not strong some years ago. How old was he? I was also sorry to hear of the death of Arthur Owens. I remember when he was a little boy going to school under Mr. Farley. Where is John Evans? I wonder whether he is anywhere near us.

I am going to start for Canawatomie today, to be gone till Thursday or Friday. I wish it would happen that Jesse Jones would call there when I am there.

The weather is beginning to get quite warm. The rains have preserved us thus far from extreme heat, but we cannot expect them to continue much longer. There has

been as much rain in Kansas during the first five months of '98 as during the whole of '97. So we will probably not get a great deal more.

I do not know what opportunities there are at Osawatomie for loaning money, but will inquire this week. What Ella has there pays interest annually. It is for three years. The ~~interest~~ is 8%. It is now difficult to get more than 6% in Merrill. I could not advise loaning money here in Barber County. Land has to uncertain a value.

With Love

J. E. Emmett

Thursday A.M. I have delayed sending this so long that I will add just a word. We are pretty well Baby is better. We have ceased giving ~~him~~ her Mellins Food as her mother is able to care for ~~him~~ her now, and she did not agree with her.

We had a letter from Uncle Edward yesterday. He had heard through you of our intended visit to Encinoria. We had not written him because we were not sure of being able to go.

I will go alone to Oswatomie and stay a day or two at the Limited going next Monday.

J. E. S.

Kiowa. Sat. Jan 21, 1898.

My Dear Aunts: —

Just a card this time to let you know how we are. Roberta is much improved. We feel pretty free from apprehension, & think that she will be quite well again in a few days. We are very happy at the favorable turn, and feel that we have been greatly blessed. It was doubtless membranous croup, and not contagious, though Dr Dunnington regarded it contagious. Aunt Mary's letter received today. Hope to hear again soon

With love

H. E. Everett

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My Dear Cousin: —

Aunt Mary's letter came yesterday. The boy would thank you for the Rat Cat Jam Line, if she could. But as she cannot do just now, we will thank you for her. We will try & make it up to her.

I write Esther some time ago, telling her the result of the interview, & I had written her before trying to account for the delay, but what

I considered the land worth... The petitioner, Excessing, purchasers made that found cross cheap. The Evidently supposed it might bring fifty or fifty dollars per acre. The appraised valuation was $54.15 25/100. That is sixteen dollars per acre for the 120 and $12 per acre for the 60 (or precisely 15 8/8) dollars. Note that the Court got money there to put at the rate of 5%. Declined testimony here to do so if needed, as that would be better than paying 7% Unless he thinks Jesse will loan the money.

doubt whether she will be able to get it as that is a matter for the Second after the Western mortgages and settlements & they distribute money in the West, they can get 7 to 8% for it, and naturally would not be content to let it at little or nothing for 5%. If she succeeds in getting the money at that rate, I think Aunt Mary can find more than enough for her needs at 7 or 8%.

I have had no offers for the farms yet. Have only done what was absolutely necessary to keep the taxes from getting ahead of us. Expect to go to Brooklyn

week after next.

When I know with that trip I am thinking some of going to Omaha for two or three days to visit the Exposition. I really think I shall do so, but am considering it. It will be either that or a visit to Uncle Edwards I really feel more drawn toward the latter, but I can't know that until anytime, but Exhibition time not to come there every year.

I hope Aunt Anna will be very well soon. We would like very much to see you both, but are afraid we cannot visit N.Y. next year. I shall feel disappointed if I cannot.

Hope to hear from you soon.

With love to all,

Kiowa Kan. Sept 3, 1898.

My Dear Aunts:

Your letter was received at Osawatomie. It seemed nice to get a letter from you there.

Robert and Lewis were both sick while I was there. They are having the chills again. Heard from there since returning. But they seemed to be better. The others are well. Cline has grown and improved greatly. Libbie is a robust active little thing. And very pleasing in her ways. Mary Ann does not change much. She works hard, but seems to be strong and well.

I placed the farm in the hands of two or three real estate agents. I do not look for a sale soon, but it may come sooner than I think. I have heard nothing from Esther since I wrote you, indicating her success in getting money at 5%.

I took Roberts with me. We were gone just a week,—from Tuesday till Tuesday. Reaching Cisco Wednesday, we started from there Friday, reaching Alpine Friday evening about dark. Saturday we went with Aunt Kate, Charlie and the smaller boys to Limpia, where we spent the day. Sunday I went with Uncle Eddie to Chund at Edwards. Monday we started home, reaching here Tuesday noon. We had a splendid time all around,

I had seen Uncle Edward two years ago when Father died but I had not seen his family for more than six years. — it was in March '92. Aunt Kate does not seem to me to have changed much. The Children have of course changed. Charlie is now twenty four years old. He is a nice fellow. In build, he is thick-set, and not so tall as Carroll. He looks very comfortable, even when he has a tooth-ache, as he did when I went there. He had the offending molar extracted the next day, — and probably looked comfortable during the operation! They are all nice boys. Harry looks a little like George Allen, in the expression of his face, in his smile &c. They the boys are all well and strong. Aunt Kate is not strong, but is much

better than some months ago. Uncle E is quite poorly, but otherwise not much changed.

We at home are pretty well, Elder is better in many ways than a year ago. but she is weak and cannot endure much. Margaret is getting along pretty well. Has not had the best of health all the time, but the last few days shows signs of improving.

I see by the Bonneville Herald that Rev. Mr. Cain of Medicine Lodge is visiting Mrs Elias Jones. Medicine Lodge is only 12 miles from us and is our County seat. I have never met Mr. Cain, but have heard him spoken well of. Have you met him? Who has he been visiting? Is it "Freeman's step mother"?

Our school begins a week from Monday. I shall then be fully occupied.

Hope to hear again soon.

With love from us all

Kiowa, Kan Oct 9, 1898.

My Dear Aunts:—

I will take advantage of a rainy Sunday evening to write you a few words. It has been clouding up all afternoon, and finally, just a half an hour before time for C.E. meeting to begin, the rain began. Now three quarters of an hour later it is pouring down, and the probability is that we will have an all night rain.

I wish that you were here to enjoy a quiet Sunday evening with us. Our little Margaret is the center of attraction of the household, and now while I write, the children are interrupting me to have me look to see her pick

her brother Roberts hair, as he
puts his head on her little lap.
She is not a great expert, however,
at pulling hair as yet. She has
hardly gained control of her
tiny fingers at this early age.
She is a very bright eyed little
Miss, and spends a good deal of
her leisure time in looking
at things or at folks, — her
friends in particular in the family
because she sees them the most.
We think she is very small. The
last time we weighed her she
weighed 11 pounds. She was then
eleven weeks old. Her mother
does not want to weigh her again
till she is three months old. That
will be Tuesday next. She is
a much healthier baby than
Roberts was, and does not cry
nearly so much. She has to be
held a great deal, but when held

is usually good.

We sent you some days ago a picture of Roberts, taken while we were in Emporia. We think it an excellent likeness. You can form some idea of his appearance from it. When in repose he resembles his picture quite decidedly. We think he is a bright child. He is, on the whole, a pretty good little boy.

Howard today, wore long pantaloons for the first time. His mother had promised him that when he got into the highest room in school, she would get him long pants, so he now has a right to claim the promise. He is now studying Latin. In the Spring he will begin Algebra.

Lucile is a great help in taking care of the baby. She is a true little mother to her. We have promised

her a silk dress if she takes care of Margaret at meal times till the little one is able to sit at the table her own self.

My school is very pleasant thus far. We have a pleasant and fairly orderly class of pupils. My work is pleasanter than last year, — partly because I am more familiar with the modus operandi of school work. Then too the pupils it seems had been in the habit of being boisterous, — that is the older ones. They have now learned to be more respectful and obedient to regulations. We have a pleasant corps of teachers, — four ladies. One is a new one for us — a lady who had taught some years in Medicine Lodge. She proves to be very efficient.

Our church work, while not very startling in its activity, is still

moving forward regularly. I suggested this Summer that it might be a Wholesome move to have a change of administration; but at a church meeting recently held, it was decided that no change be made. We are just entering this week on our fourth year with the church. We are getting to feel almost like fixtures here. We do not feel, however, that we wish to make this our permanent home. We still think of going back East, when affairs will permit us to do so. But Iowa has treated us very generously and we feel very kindly disposed towards our friends here. — We feel pleasantly towards the church in particular, for retaining us and letting me teach too. Of course I have but very little time for church work while school is in session. Indeed the school work

requires the greater part by far both of my attention and my strength, to say nothing of my time.

The rain continues to pour. It is very acceptable. It has been dry for a month or more, and until last Tuesday night, it was extremely hot. Our very hot weather with some hot wind, was with us till after October opened. But the earlier part of the season was not so continuously hot as in some years.

We hope you are well both. You continue in the same rooms, it seems. Does Aunt Jane remain well? I wish it might be expedient for me to visit you next Summer, but I cannot yet tell whether I ought to try to do so, or not. Our love to you both. I received a letter from Robert a few days ago. He & Lewis are better than when I was there. Lewis is attending school at Pawatomie. Ella sends love.

Your Nephew, H. E. Everett

P.S.

The sack is very sweet indeed. The baby has worn it several times, and it looks very cunning on her. A lady here had given one of almost the same pattern but all white. Ella had her out calling the other day for the first time in the little pink & white one, and every body admired it. We think a great deal of it & like to see the baby in it.

Did I tell you that when in Emporia I expended the dollar you sent in a silver spoon, and had it engraved with the baby's initials, and on the bowl, "From Aunt Mary and Aunt Anna"

Ella says she wants to know how to wash such little woolen things as this sack. — not that it needs it now, but that it may some time

Ella says when she gets a
girl, she will write. When times
are pretty good, it is almost
impossible to get help.
J.E.E.

We enjoyed the first letter from
Bethel very much. I do not know
when I will get up courage to
answer the whole budget.
Give my love to the Cousins there.

Aiwa, Kan, Nov 4 1878

Mr Carpenter —

Grandpa received your letter today. He did not receive the packet from home that I wrote to her tonight. Helen has been sick for more than a week with diphtheria tonsils. She got so that she could not swallow anything but liquid food. We do not know whether it is better or not now. She is not out yet. Her throat is now probed twice. Margaret has been well. Here has been much sore throat about, but we did not have any ourselves as yet. We have been afraid we could have to close the

sheet, but have now a good
hand & hope that the disease
will not come to town.

Mrs — is without a girl for two
or three days after Helen was
taken sick. We have now one
loaned us by a kind
neighbor. Today Helen had an
chill—I engage another,
it will come in a few days.
The ladies have been kind, though
for the first few days I
had not known that she was
really sick.

The death of Gordon Williams
was very startling.

I will write when
there is [illegible]

The pictures Guido speaks of having taken are great nickel pictures, and very likely will not be presentable. I am not to be surprised therefore if he does not send me

L. E. Fawcett

[illegible] you can't set for your pictures. It seems to me he could have taken them. I wish you would both attend to the matter without delay. Please do, for the sake of your friend. Excuse this letter. It is not an artistic effort; but it is [illegible] might send Laura kind.

Congregational Church.
J. E. EVERETT, Pastor.

Kiowa. Kansas. Jan 15 1899

My Dear Aunts:

Little Roberts is quite sick with his brain
one again. He has had a bad spell since Thurs-
day Jan 5. with sore throat. Wednesday last we
became fearful that he might be in a critical
condition. We called Dr. Cloud, who has been
here for the most part of six weeks, since we have
been here. So far the favorable indications
are that we shall succeed again in the
unfavorable. We sent last Tuesday for
Dr. Simmons of Hazelton, a neighboring town
asking him to come for consultation. We hope
there may be a favorable turn soon. There
is much sickness here among all
classes.

Trusting that on my next you can say that
our little boy is much better

Yours affectionately
E Everett

Congregational Church.
J. E. EVERETT, Pastor.

Kiowa, Kansas. Jan 16 1899.

My Dear Aunts:—

We have a favorable report of Roberts this morning, but we are still very anxious about him. Dr Dennington came yesterday afternoon. He pronounced the disease diphtheria. Dr Cloud, however, calls it croup. However, both decided that Roberts would probably not live through the night. If he should they thought he might probably recover. He passed a better night than we feared he would. It is now past ten o'clock, A.M. and he has rested much since about daylight, though without sleeping. But he slept nearly all night. Yesterday nearly all day he breathed very hard, and last night till about two this A.M. Today he breathes naturally. We are now hopeful, though we fear another night. We were greatly favored in having two ladies, to watch with us last night who were very competent and helpful. We feel very thankful, that our little boy is with us this morning. To be sure, we fear he is in a very perilous condition yet, but have great hope that he will recover. He would not take medicine last night, and part of it had to be forced into his mouth. Two doses were made to enter by stratagem. But through all his sufferings he has been very uncom-

plaining. Last night he said two or three times: "I can't bear it any longer." But he has been very patient all the time.

Friends are extremely kind, doing all that can be done. School is dismissed for today and tomorrow and perhaps longer.

A little girl died last week of the same trouble, and I believe one or two other cases are reported. I will try to write again tomorrow.

With love,
J. E. Everett.

P.S. I enclose a letter he wrote to his Aunties a few days ago, Gaidie guiding his hand. It was worded just as he wanted it. He was half sick and exacting, and wanted it written as he said.

I am afraid we never acknowledged the Xmas gifts from you. They were very nice indeed, and greatly appreciated. The little fellow is very choice of his spoon, and Marguerite will think a great deal of her spoon, I am sure when she gets old enough to understand about it. We all send love.

E. E.

Congregational Church.
J. E. EVERETT, Pastor.

Kiowa, Kansas. Jan 17 1899.

My Dear Aunts: —

I can still make a good report of Roberts' condition. He spent another good night — and feels bright and playful this morning. He has had an extremely sick time, but he had in his favor good health to begin with, and I think, a strong constitution. Sunday Dr Cloud called about two o'clock P.M. and thought — his little patient dying. He administered very strong medicine, Calphate of mercury, which produced vomiting and gave relief. The same remedy was given during the night. Yesterday afternoon we were alarmed by his breathing becoming labored again. We were alone, and had to administer medicine forcibly, which was a task almost too severe for our nerves. But we accomplished it and with good results. Last night he gave us little anxiety. He had one very severe paroxysm of coughing and vomit, We now have good hopes of his recovery.

If school reopens tomorrow — I may not write. If not I shall try to.

With love —

C. E. Everett

Congregational Church.
J. E. EVERETT, Pastor.

Kiowa, Kansas... Jan. 18 ..... 189 7.

My Dear Aunts:—

Roberts continues to improve. We hope that he is getting upon a firm footing once more. Last night Mrs. Ellis and Mrs Crowdson sat up again. The night before we had no one with us till midnight, when Mrs. Singleton came. We think we will not need any watchers from this time. Those who have little children have been afraid to come to the house, fearing diphtheria. We think it is not that, for if were, others would be coming down by this time. It seems to be the same that a little girl had who died last week, just about time, or perhaps a day before Roberts came down. Mrs. Crowdson lives in rooms in which two other families live,—one of them having a little girl about a year older than Roberts. Mrs. C.'s husband is away just now at their ranch, and so she was alone. When her neighbor (who has the) little girl heard of her sitting up here Sunday night she sent word requesting her not to come back to her rooms for awhile. As Mrs. C. could remain away, she has done so, staying with Mrs. Ellis. We expected only one of them (last night, but they decided

that they would both come and give us a full night's sleep, thinking that we would then be able to get along without help in the the future. They have been of greater help to us than we can express. Sunday night they attended to him so faithfully and efficiently, that we believe they saved his life. He would not take his medicine, and they forced him to receive it. Without it the doctors both said he could not have survived till morning. They were with us two nights, and Mrs. Singleton two & ½ parts of two. We were very grateful to them. There are many others that we could have depended on, but it seems that most of the families have children. But we hope it was nothing contageous.

The school will be closed for the week. There is much sickness all around, mumps, throat and grip and pneumonia, though just here there has not been so much pneumonia.

We are pretty well, the rest of us, though Ella is pretty well worn out, and I may say about sick.

Mrs. Crewdson has just returned with a basket of apples and oranges and bananas and nuts and candy, together with a can of jam for Roberts, from Mrs. Ewell. Mrs. E. has a daughter about Howard's age, and has not been here at all, but has sent word that she would like to have been.

We hope you are well. — Cousin Mary Lewis is tracing up the lost package. It has been found that it was in a car that was held up in a train robbery. We remember of Ella's saying when we read of the robbery, "Well, we are not expecting anything, and they" —

With Love
J. E. Ewell

Xenia, Kan. Jan 29, 1899.

My Dear Friends:—

I will try to write you a few words with Margaret on my lap. She is very tired, having a big [illegible] with her dresses this evening or afternoon & Clarence being in town, the preacher at the M.E. Church. Dr John P. D. Paxson formerly president of Baker University. Dottie has the tables laid & Ella & Tonight. We will have a girl come to take care of the baby tomorrow night and then we will both go. Last evening he lectured on The Worth of a Man. Tomorrow evening his subject will be "God Wants Us to Make God Man" a Life in Nazareth

We have been very glad to get your last letter. Since Robert was sick. We felt our isolation during his sickness & seemed that we were a long way from our friends. He is not strong yet

He is hoarse, coughs a little (if not much), and raises quite a little from his throat. We are very careful of him, not letting him go out if the air seems depraved & the wind does. Except rarely when we think it is especially safe. Yesterday the wind blew very hard, & the weather was very cold. We were afraid he would take cold, but he seems to have escaped. He sits pretty restless in his enforcement. Many times he calls to the kitchen "Maria, Maria" & when Maria answers, it is not to be asked what she is doing or some equally unimportant question, or to be favored with some very innocent piece of information that might easily have kept or would not have been missed if it had spoiled. But on the whole he has stood his confinement very patiently. He sleeps in the Cot-bed in the parlor & so keeps warm, night & day. He tires easily & seems not to have gained much strength since he came. Margaret is quite well these days, better than she has ever been. She is improving in other ways too, — filling in very little hair and showing some flesh

of intelligence. Her mother thinks she is a very pretty baby and bright enough then for to sustain the reputation of the family but just this minute she pulled her little brother's face so as to make him cry. She is a great hand to dig into one's face with her little fingers. She is so used to be= ing crowded that she is rather exacting and has to be diverted to be kept from crying. Robert wants me to read the Quarterly for the first letter of "The Spaniard & the Indian". She requests some instant amusement.

Ella has returned, & plots a splendid dinner. I must close & get a lunch as we had only tea & cocoa today & prefers for steriff. I feel left out daily in not having to get ready for school. We are likely to have only seven months school & that can be well done in April.

Roberts is improving in his penmanship & composition & generally is fearful. His teeth. His tooth is another big trouble. I expect he lost two or three pounds while Howard was ill. Though he looks quite well for a little boy.

Hope you are both well, and not suffering from the cold wintry weather. Love to you both.

Your Nephew
A. E. Cave

Leuda, Kan. Aug. 11, 1899

My Dear Aunt! —

Your good letter of the 8th came to hand this morning. I think you may have missed one letter that I mailed at Arkansas City on, I think, the 26th of July. There was nothing in particular in it, however, to make the loss notable, I addressed it ~~to~~ to Ransom but I think you were at Mountain Valley.

The letter that had been opened and glued, went from here in its natural condition. It must have been tampered with at some point on its journey.

We expect to leave here early

next week. Howard and I expect to start early Monday morning and the rest will follow Tuesday. It is an eighty mile drive and we will take two days. Bluff City is a small town just about half way between where I stayed over night on my way over, and we will probably stop there on the way back. Ella can make pretty good connections starting at half past five in the afternoon, changing cars at Anthony and reaching home about Midnight.

I do not know that we have been particularly benefitted by our stay here. Helen has had the care of Margaret which has just wearied her from resting, and as for me I do not know whether too much rest is good for me. It seems almost as though I am less fitted for work than when we came

here. I have been especially tired for several weeks, and do not see that this trip has rested me. —— Helen is nearly worn out. She hopes to wean the baby next month. Then I hope she will get stronger. I think she is better than formerly and that she will get stronger when she has a fair chance. It has been very warm, with hot winds for two weeks or so. We all feel better when the weather gets cooler.

Howard is getting strong after his fever. He has a wonderful appetite. Roberts — is well. He and Margaret had an eruption on the face three weeks ago. Margaret got well of it first, and Howard Roberts is now well, and his skin is clear again.

You have marked an item in the Bonnie Herald saying that an Isaac Smith is at the Everett-Wil[illegible]

Camp, The name has no connection with any of our family has it?

I was pained to learn of Prof. Hopkins death. I first saw it noticed in a presbyterian journal that I found here at Mr. Brickers where we are staying.

We all send love

Your Nephew

J. E. Everett

I enclose a letter from Hattie to her mother received a week ago. You ask our weight. Ella weighs 144. I weigh 129½

Kiowa, Kan. Dec 16. 1899.

Dear Aunts: —

I received a nice letter from Frankie yesterday. I am glad she had such a nice visit with you. I would like to see her. I have not seen her since she was twelve years old, the year she went to Wilmington. She says she has a photograph for us, but is holding it in reserve till she gets our pictures.

We have had quite a windy week. Wednesday it snowed quite a little and the snow is still on the ground, and this is Saturday morning. This is longer than we generally have snow. But there would not

be enough for sleighing. If we had sleighs here; but we have not.

We still have the dressmaker here. She goes away this noon.

We have no new developments in regard to our future. I look forward to spending a month at Onega. The field does not appear very promising. But it may appear different when I get there. Mr. Hull, of the Review here wants me to go into business with him. His proposition is to enlarge the paper and extend the business. He feels sure that a good thing could be made for both of us. Under some circumstances I would like to do newspaper work, I believe. But not under the circumstances that present themselves here. Mr. Hull is in thorough sym-

pathy with the liquor element. and in some ways is not one that I would be especially desirous of becoming closely associated with. He has been a good friend to me here, however, I used to know him a very little in Harper. I cannot think of accepting his proposition.

Friends express to us many regrets at our leaving. In some ways we shall be sorry to leave. We shall be sorry to part from many of our friends, and it will be difficult to make new acquaintances take the place of old, for a time, but in other ways, we shall be glad to move from here.

Margaret has been cross for a few days. We think she is cutting teeth. She has quite a cold, too.

I must close now. I am sorry to be so far away from you now that you are both poorly. We hope

you will both gain strength rapidly.

With love from all

Your Nephew

J. E. Everett.

P.S. I enclose a clipping, — an extract from an address by Pres — McKinley. I mark a quotation in the speech from Rev Walter King, whose sermons were in our garret. What became of those sermons? Did you ever learn anything more of their history? Does anybody live in the old home?

J. E. E.

Onaga, Kan. Jan 18. 1900

My Dear Aunts.—

I will write you just a little this evening. It seems some days since I have written or heard from you. Today I got the Boonville Herald. I am enjoying my visit here, and getting acquainted pretty well. I like the people very much. There are many very fine people here, I am more favorably impressed than I was ever with Kiowa though of course I feel very affectionately toward ~~me~~ many Kiowa people whose acquaintance is now of long standing.

I made a bad blunder yesterday, and one that mortified me exceedingly. I was invited a few days ago to take dinner at the Home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Landon, yesterday. Yesterday morning I seemed to have a slight cold, & felt rather listless, I got a book and got interested in it, and forgot all about my engagement. At two o'clock when I was getting ready to go calling, I was horror-stricken to think of my mistake. I went immediately to Mrs. Landon, wondering how I would be received. She forgave me graciously, & invited me to dine with her. We had cold turkey at that meal, which was an unmistakable suggestion

or hint of the imputation that had been made for me for dinner. I stayed awhile in the evening & played "Bombardo." with Mrs. Landon & her son aged 15 & daughter aged 17. So I hope that I have not fallen out of the good graces of the Landons entirely.

Did I tell you there are many old settlers here? - settlers of the early '60's and the '50's. I do not find many Southerners as yet.

My health keeps good. The small pox scare is practically over.

I am aware that my hand writing is not very good. I have some pens that do not seem to suit my hand, & they bother me —

With Love J. E. Everett

Onaga Kansas Jan 29, 1900.

My Dear Aunts:—

I have finished my last Sunday at Onaga, and have been invited to preach to these people. I have been cordially and handsomely treated by the friends here, and feel very much drawn to them. It does me good to be among such people, and I hope, I may be in some small way useful to them, as well. Some of the people of the church are devoted and earnest and progressive in their Christian lives. They are such people, as it will be easy to work with, and again, of course, are indifferent. I believe that I am prepared to do more satisfactory work than I have been on entering my other pastorates. I should, at all events, hope that I might be, after all these years

I mean now to start home on Wednesday morning. So cannot get the letter that I requested you to write before I should leave. However it makes no difference. My mail will be forwarded to me, and the information I asked for will keep.

I am glad Aunt Anna is getting stronger. We are now getting into the middle of the winter, and if one can improve in health at this time of the year, and in a New York Winter, it certainly is a good prophecy.

With Love

Your Nephew

F. E. Everett

I shall be gone from here three Sundays returning & preach the 4th Sunday in Feby.

Dear Aunts:

I was unable to find that order for the Bible Society when I arrived in Ithica and suppose I must have left it at home. I went to Taylor's and he said I might buy ~~3 dollars~~ three dollars worth of goods there and when I presented the order he would refund the money. I did so, & if you found the card please send it to me, and if you do not write another and send that. It must be dated before the first of April. Mr. Taylor said it would be all right so long as the order was dated previous to the first of April. I got some frog book & I am well.

With Love J. E. O.

POSTAL CARD.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

Miss Jennie Everett
Kansas
Ruf.

Merrill. Mich

My Dear Aunts! —

I have written in
two weeks. I am afraid.
but a splendid visit from
Cousins Hattie & Eva. It is to
bad Enal is having a sick time
of it. Hope Clarence will
not come down too.

We have had a cold April.
Yesterday and today is about
the first pleasant we have had
fine weather except a
few days more than a month
ago. I presume we will
remain another year. All
the details have not been arranged
but it seems as though the

will be nothing to hinder our staying. When are you going to the World's Fair? I hope you will have a pleasant time both of you. You will visit us on your way back, I hope. We are looking for a visit from you this summer.

With best love

Yours, Nellie

C. E. Emmitt

John Caswell
c. 1820?

Monday Morning

——— Your letter was received this morning, We were glad to hear that we had one that could write more than we could. We have still to report progress. Julia to sit up a very little time two or three days. She seems to be very careful in all she eats and does and I hope will soon be entirely well. She has a bad cough. Can't keep any milk. The cattle are getting quite wild. Though the snow was half the time gone it is pretty comfortable. We have had some cold weather but sometimes comfortable sleighing. However it is getting a good deal, and I believe we have seen the worst of it. We hope we shall not have much more to write about.

My dear Mother Brown please to send me word how you are getting on. Have you had any more of your children married. Have the rest been to see you. Remember me to them all. Give my love to Mary Ann and Sarah and tell them I should be glad to hear from them. Remember me to Mr. Brown and tell him I should be glad to see him. Remember me to Mr. Brown and tell him I should be glad to see him.

her death. Are the other children all living? Minnie and Addie married?

We are sorry that Aunt Anna has been poorly again. The weather is good for her, for I remember how much she used to like the hot summer weather.

We shall look for the photographs you speak of. I think you ought to have them taken at once without delay, too. It is some time — a number of years since you have had pictures. We want to have our children's pictures taken, but have not had it done as yet; for we have no good photographer here, and until just now we have not had the money.

I would like to see Cousin Clara. I read the book and like it. I wonder if she [illegible] I do not know, for I saw her last. It must be nine years and possibly ten. The summer of '87 was my last summer [illegible] I almost can [illegible] that summer.

[illegible] Chevalier [illegible] I would like it if you will [illegible] but not the church [illegible]

POSTAL CARD.

WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER.

Mr. John E. Everett,
433 W. 34 St.
New York City.

Aurora. O. Dec. 26, '21.

Dear Cousin:

Was glad to get your letter, and learn of your prosperity, and that of your family. It is a long time since we have heard from you directly, and now that Hattie is gone, we don't get any news thro her. Azia and I were able to attend her funeral a year ago, and last June Clarence took us up in his car again. We had a very fine trip, visiting Bryan, Hillsdale, Ludington & Somerset. Were gone about two weeks. Clarence is employed in the Cleveland Trust, and besides is studying law, with evening classes three times a week. He is home quite often, sometimes every night. His fiancée lives in Manhattan, Kansas, and is teaching school this year. She taught here for two years.

Lyra had quite an accident last July. She fell and broke her ~~tibia~~ fibula, and also strained the ankle quite badly. She has recovered now, and is able to do a good deal of work. Her elder sister with whom we are living had a stroke last summer, and is now in quite a precarious condition, without the use of her lower limbs. She has a nurse to take care of her. Your children have all done so well, and you are seeing your grandchildren come on quite rapidly. I remember Clara Everett as a little girl. We have a nice church here, Methodist, with a good minister, and a live epworth league. I am teaching Lyra's S.S. class just now. Thank you for the news you gave of the Hutchins. I used to know many of them when they were small.
Hope you will write again, and we will try to keep up the correspondence. Lyra unites with me in love and all good wishes. As ever.

A. M. Gale

February 17th,
1924,

My dear Cousin

It is rather late
to wish you all a Happy
New Year - but there is
quite a little of it left
yet I hope!

I was very glad to receive
your kind letter - and to
hear of you all. I admire
several of your changes -
your bedroom,

I saw Roberts, his wife,
and little daughter, about
a year ago - and enjoyed
seeing them very much -

I had out a short time
with them, as we saw
the city only a day or so—
but in visited quite rapidly.
Theodore and Margaret with
their two little girls - live
a short distance from us.
Theodore is with his father
in business - Rose & Co.
It is a great help for Aunt
to have Theodore with them -
he enjoys the family so
much - Margaret is a very
dear girl - and the children
are such a joy.
Nathan also Manuel a

Prof She was is called
"Corsican Fennie" also Miss
Hellawell and Lozer -
Shine was much disturbed
to hear from her - and
sent her regards -
I thought of the old days -
frequently last Summer
when we danced through
Rennes, on our way to
the Riviera - I left it yet
to the old home, next
Season - on I turn the
road up the hill a mile
before me - so I think I will
venture to turn up -

Received February 27, 1924

340 GENESEE STREET
UTICA, N. Y.

My dear Cousin -

I was very much surprised to learn that Margaret was in Schenectady.

Will you please send me her address - I do not go there but sometimes pass through in going to New York or Boston I think Margaret may be able to come and see me - I asked Margaret Sherburne about Miriam Moore - but she does not recall her - Margaret

She is now at the height of her beauty - quite as old as my own sister - but would certainly take her - as old maid by her looks! She and her husband came up Easter - & I saw our children. it would have changed her ideas I imagine.

I saw Emma at the Pritchard - her husband & is very poor health - they lost a dear little boy - which was a great sorrow - I had not met, before the same since Emma Fenn, I think she was the oldest [illegible] was - died a few years ago - I suppose she left a good deal of money, in as much as [illegible] Her eldest daughter is married & well in the city.

Aunt Eliza, Aunt Ruth whom she lived, died a little more than a year ago. She left Aunt in very comfortable circumstances - She lives in an apartment - and has her sister with her most of the time - We never had seen her quite as [illegible] last summer. She [illegible] by which I mean she looked [illegible] Aunt & Mrs. Fish & Mrs. [illegible]

Name was Huddleston She was
1918 - Margaret Warren Gorham was
1919 - and married ten days
after graduation -
Tell you please write to your
Margaret, and tell her - if at
any time, she is ill, or if I
can in any way be of assistance
to please let me know - I shall
be so glad to do anything I
can for her - If you tell her
she may feel free at liberty
to let me know.
I had not heard of Mr Putnams
death - I wonder if his daughter
is living near where he died -
You ask about Lone Hill -

340 GENESEE STREET
UTICA, N. Y.

Lenny Thue - They have two
daughters - one Rhoda about
twenty - and the other eight
or so - both beautiful girls
You note Marjorie - Ellen
Middle daughter - She died,
Six years ago - from an abundys
Ulceration - & Ella is quite
alone - when at home -
I do not know Mrs Hugh Hughes -
but Must say, her husband
is still with the Bruce -
I asked you regarding Aunt
Prue, for I couldn't recall

her - in regard to Roman days -
The name "Nettie" as you both
- brought it all back to me -
Mamie is now Mary - and I think
live near Owego". I think Janet
Price told me - She had four sons
two Cornell - graduates - and think
two Still there,

Please give my love to Helen -
If your children - all get East
there may be a chance of -
your both coming to see me -

Love to Lee -

Fannie & Lee -

May 10th
1925

My dear Cousin -

Margaret spent last week end with us - and we did so enjoy her visit. I had hoped to have had her here long ago - but as I write you, for a long time illness of the children prevented - after all had recovered - Mont and I took a trip South - then came the sudden death of our mother of the Old Home -

Home - and as I am President of the Board of managers - I was obliged to be there almost constantly - Till at last the coast was clear - and Margaret came -
Because of your letter of long ago - I watched her carefully - She seemed to me, to be much better than last year - and much happier in her work -
I could see she was quite nervous - at times - when her intellect seemed not quite at the high point -
I particularly was on the look out for the twitching you spoke of - and only once did I notice it - and then should not have thought anything of it - had I not known of it before -
So far as I could judge there is nothing to be concerned about, as she is. I think however - if her mind became troubled - she might easily have a nervous reaction.
Has Margaret always had a full heart?
It is not enlarged in any particular spot only full - I wondered if her nervousness at any time greatly increased - it could be thyroid trouble - I should not have thought it. Excepting that I was on the look out for anything unusual - I think

It will be a wonderful help for her to be in the open air this Summer -

It seems to be a great joy to Margaret to be in a city - where she is not beheld by all - and it seems to me she is quite happy - this year - and much interested in the children - which she was not last year - as they were so troublesome -

If at any time you feel anxious about Margaret - let me know and I will gladly go down and look her over -

Sherdons children are all very well - We hope to go to see Gorhams and family quite soon -

Love with the rest - I am

Yours -

Utica December 4. 1902

Dear Cousin.

Mama and I have Ac to Remain this afternoon. It is some thing rather Late mama can Thru and Thru seemed to be quite a change in Cousin Anna. Cousin Mary also seemed very much worn. And to anyone

I am sorry to have to tell you - but I
feel you should know - that to us it
seemed that the end was very near -
Of course we may be mistaken - and
no one said anything - of the kind - but
both mama and I feel that unless there
is a change for the better soon - the
passing on must soon come -
I wished like to have come Many times
how it seemed to me - for fear the courage
would be gone - and if that is taken
from her - she will be entirely broken -

It has been a great tax for Cousin Mary and poor Cousin Anna is entirely peculiar to poor Sister Body - and suffers so much - it means a great deal of lifting - and you know - if our help is taken - in such a case there is but little left I very much hope no more may be mistaken - but till you should know how it seemed to us -

Kindly remember me to your pets - Your Fannie Cone

THEODORE L. CROSS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR
UTICA, N. Y.

25, 26, 27 MANN BUILDING, UTICA, N. Y.

Nov. 22/05

Dear Lennie. I am getting quite along again since on return home. Am in office mornings 10–12, but remain home afternoons & so ask to ride a walk, as my tonsils cost my system quite a shock and my stomach weak and sickened to indigestion— I trust that will soon yield and that I may feel quite fit & myself again— All others are well

Well. I see that Edenburn has
snow enough for sleighing last
week. But presume it has
now gone, with these beautiful
days. I trust you are well
as usual. I shall not take
my usual vacation visit for a
long trip yet.

Yours

Fred L. Otto

THEODORE L. CROSS,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR,
UTICA, N.Y.
73-75 CITY NATIONAL BANK BUILDING.

May 25. 1913.

Dear Cousin— I think you can send check, say $20/. D Farmers Bank of Utica & have them place $. on Edson & the books. Send the check and the books by Registered mail. I'll see them, or I'll see if you hear from them, & let you know Today or Tuesday. Will return Monday.

Sincerely Theo. L. Cross

Am also with Mamma
whom we remember so fondly

On Board the
CUNARD
R.M.S. "BERENGARIA"

Aug 4/11,

Dear Leonie.

This voyage to Iceland,
Norway, London & now
in way home has
been a wonderful
revelation to us both.
We have had fine
weather, even in London,
so apt 1/2 day, and
have been everywhere
in comfort. and good health

Dannie Ras Lefeverall, Arfaifed
the Mordam Scenery which
in Nawa is not only found
for Majestic and awe inspiring
in many places. The people
also have been very interesting.
Very ambitious happy and always
so obliging and hospitable.
It is certainly a jolt to Europ
Even selfishness to see
them so satisfied with so little
and nowhere grasping or
self assertive. The Lethargic mind
is everywhere & seeming well
attended even in the Mordam.
The Boat (the former Prince
"Imperatoi") is very fine and
a model of Cleanness
and Even Luxury.

We had no very high seas anywhere. We are expected We could not stay to see Influenza and Wales- Annie always has her mind set on that trip and We may [illegible] for Real birds of passage. or at least the Indian Ocean

Dear Cousin Edward,

I suppose you will suspect when you see this letter that there is a request for something in it so I may as well come to the point at once. We have a new Lyceum just started here and although I am not a member I have been chosen as one of the chief disputants for next Monday evening. The question is, Resolved, That Corporal Punishment should be abolished. and I have the affirmative side. Now what I

I must ask of you is that you will please be kind enough to send me two or three of the strongest arguments you can think of, on the spur of the moment, for my side. Never mind which may you believe for I am half inclined to believe with the other side. I think I have the strongest side though for I have three professors and one doctor while the other side has no dignitary save one minister, and he is not very apt to be there. If you will do as I have requested I will be very much obliged, and please be sure and write so that I may receive your letter before next Monday. Edward do you think you will come home

Remsen, N.Y.,
Aug. 14, 1906.

Dear Cousin Ed,

I know Mother says it isn't dignified to call a clergyman Ed but it comes more naturally to me than any other, so I know you won't mind. I was very glad to get your letter

Remsen, Aug. 26.

I'm glad to show you that I tried to write to you before I'd even this old beginning.

I don't know how many times I have attempted to write to you and have been interrupted but you see how far I got over.

I really thought that you had written me & used to enjoy your letters, and now when I

I thought every day I should write you a note and say "Have written to me!" and I would long & listen & wait & wait. It seems like old times & to get a letter from you.

I am getting ready to go to Rosincrest Tuesday and I fear we'll Rosincrest fairing coming on. I never seem to get over it. But it will not be quite so bad as usual this time for mother is going up with me & stay for a few days.

I hadn't been thinking of you particularly just prior but tell me, I have thought of you much since. It was me real pleasure to know that you cared to write.

Your letter makes one realize that I too am getting old for I am not nearly as young behind as I feel & often wish it

Sometimes I think I sometimes feel younger than I did ten years ago — Especially when I look at my grown up nephew Lewis Clough.

We did enjoy his visit so much. It seemed to bring them all near, and we quite fell in love with Lewis. I felt rather selfish for I saw more of him than the rest of the family, as he went camping in a party with me for a week. But I think the out door life and rest did him good.

I remember distinctly my first term of school and the short dresses, and I have an indistinct recollection of

"My Hepsey's got the measles"
but I have forgotten "Old
Molly" and the "Pie."

I think I must have been
very fond of "speaking pieces"
in my childhood for I can
remember two or three lines
of several of my favorites.
Mary Price's youngest boy
(she has four boys)
reminded me of my early
efforts the other day. We had
a picnic down in Price's
old woods - Mrs. Price, Mary
and her children, Nettie, Nancy and
her children, Mattie and J-
(3 years old)
and young Alexander announced
that we would now have a
show, the first number on the

program to be a piece spoken by Alexander Pinkie. Which he proceeded to give with many gestures and side-splitting facial expression. He then called on his small cousin Janet Lucas for a piece and gave us quite a "show" before they were through.

I suppose Aunt Mary has written you that she is visiting Margaret now. She went home with Margaret last Sunday and we have missed her very much since. She is looking well and seems to be feeling well. I think she will stay for change at Margaret's too. Aunt Mary and Margaret both spent last Sunday with us and we were all at Capet Ucha and heard a Welch sermon.

Cousin Mary Everett is spending the summer in Ithaca caring for cousin Mara Hankin who is ill and not likely to recover. I had a card from Mary last week. No doubt Aunt Mary has written you that Cousin May Everett has a little daughter - Mabel Everett, Jr.

I must stop for Grant must be many errands waiting and we are all going to do a little more to

through.

If you think of me again, a letter addressed to Somerset, N.Y. will find me.

I wonder if I ever wrote to thank you for the Xmas Greeting. I was very glad to get it and enjoyed it.

Ever

Your Cousin

Elva

Please give my love to Helen and the children especially to Roberta and Margaret. Mother sends love.

32 Barnes St.
Gouverneur, N.Y.
Sept. 19, 1920.

Dear Cousin,

For weeks and even months I have been planning to write to you but always putting it off till I had more time & could write a long letter.

Your Christmas letter was certainly appreciated & even though my appreciation was not apparent, and I was so glad to get the news, that of Uncle Eddie and Bob. The news of

family and my other relatives from whom I have not heard that Aunt Mary is gone.

I didn't know of Hattie Patmore's death and I am very sorry to know that I shall not have an opportunity to see her again on earth.

I am so sorry to learn of the illness of Roberts's wife and hope she may soon regain her health.

I wish Helen might have come up this way to see me when she was East.

You ask what I am doing. Ten months of each year I spend in Evanston teaching mathematics.

Ada Rogers and I were exceedingly fortunate in having rooms in a very pleasant home where we have the privilege of getting such meals as we choose on our electric plates. We go out for dinner every day but get most of our other meals here.

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From there we [illegible]
interesting auto trips, one to visit
old home in Steuben, over to Poultney
to see Frank, to Trenton Falls and
Trenton Camp Ground and back
through the Adirondacks, to Luzerne.
We reached Capel Head just as
service was over so I greeted the
old neighbors - Mrs. William H. Williams,
Rosie Thomas, Irving Charles & family,
Roscoe Roberts etc. I found Grandfather's
lot and Father's lot in about the
same condition as the rest of the cemetery
rough and uncared for. But I don't know
what we can do about it. Irving Charles asked us
for money to put the cemetery in order, straighten
stones etc and I gave him a dollar. The stones
in our lots were all right. Mary Ann Francis

We took another trip to Constableville and Turin and I found Margaret Grave in Excellent condition.

Perry and I talked the matter over and judging by the condition of the whole Cape Vincent cemetery we did not know how to insure care for any particular lot. When Richie Williams lived on the Price farm I paid him to keep our lot mowed but doubt if he mowed it oftener than once or twice a summer.

Henry Davis Lodge

but lost two or three days and Roscoe Turner to set the monument.

I want to thank you again for your letter which makes me feel that I still belong to the Everett family.

I suppose you know of the marriages of the Theodore Crow early summer and of the death of Mr. Crow's father a few weeks later.

Much love to all the family

Your cousin

Clara.

604 West Colvin St.
Syracuse, N.Y.
Mar. 29, 1923

Dear Cousin,

I am exceedingly grateful to you for sending me the old letters. I prize them very highly as I know so little of my father and his early life. How fond he was of Aunt Sarah! I remember Aunt Mary once quoted him as saying that he loved every freckle on Aunt Sarah's face and he didn't want her to have one less. That must have

very much they were yours I think.

I should have written sooner but I had a relapse after the grippe and was in bed for two or three days as have needed every atom of energy I could muster for my school work since.

I am planning to spend my Easter vacation, which begins to-morrow, with Bertha and Marion in Wilmington. I haven't seen them in seven years and Bertha has one child and Marion two that I have never seen.

This afternoon I received a reply to the letter I wrote in answer to the one addressed to grandfather. Mr. Parry seems very grateful for the information I sent him and says he intends to write you for further information. I am sorry I didn't know we had relatives in Llandudno when I was there. I spent a night there.

By the way, a letter from

Cousin Emily Rankin received some little time ago told me that Mary Spent part of the winter with her. Fannie Rankin died last year. Will Storms has been very ill but was better when I heard last.

It is sad that we are all growing old. There is nothing like a sick spell to emphasize that fact.

I am sorry you didn't see Brother Rob before you moved. Thanking you again for the letters with love to all the Family

Your cousin Clara.

403 West Beard Ave.
Syracuse, N.Y.
Feb. 3, 1924.

Dear Cousin,

I was very glad to receive your letter and especially grateful for the photographs of Margaret and Edward. They are fine looking young people.

Circumstances took me into one of the teachers' agencies with a friend the other day and I made inquiry in regard to what you asked me. The manager told me that the New York State Education

Department keeps a list of approved colleges whose diplomas are accepted and she felt sure that the University of Minnesota is on the list but did not know about Washburn College. Therefore she suggested that you write to Dr. Frank P. Graves, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, Dept. of Education Albany, N.Y. and find out positively that their certificates will be accepted in this state and then have them join some agency operating in this state. I wish they might come to Syracuse but it is very difficult to get in there. Even those with the very best qualifications must have two years successful experience before teaching in Central. I should never have been accepted if I had not taught under our principal Mr. Morrison in Gouverneur I am enclosing the address of the agency giving me the information but there are several others in this city just as good. The Fiske Agency has an office here conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Rockefeller, acquaintances

of mine. Of course Margaret will need testimonials from the places in which she has taught or permission to use names as references. It is quite probable that they may find it advisable to accept positions in smaller towns at first and work into what they want later.

I am sorry that I have no photograph of myself at present but if you really want one I shall be glad to have the Government photographer finish one from my last negative taken Dec 1921.

You will notice my address is changed. I had a succession of cold last winter so decided to

move where I could get board and rooms in the same house. I also had my tonsils out last summer.

I haven't heard from Frances in a long time. But I had luncheon with Louise (Mrs. Dr. Jones) in Wilmington last Easter. She invited Bertha, Marion and me over and we had such a good visit. Lawrence and his wife were living with them then and Esther was in Frostburg with Frances.

Mary Everett (Mold) died last November at the home of Liggie (Mrs. Jess Wheeler) in

Boonville. I wrote Lizzie while Mary was sick and again after she died but received no reply from either letter. They sent me a card, written by a neighbor, announcing Mary's death but I didn't get it in time to go to the funeral. I understand Mary had been sick quite a long time. Cousin Annie has a cancer on her face near her eye and Mrs. Jones of Carthage writes me that Cousin Annie was not able to attend Mary's funeral although she lives with May and her family in Boonville. Mrs. Jones tells me that May's husband (Glenn Jones) is not well so they were unable to stay on the farm.

If Roberts is connected with the Ice Cream Supply Men I should think he would be likely to meet Chauncey Lucas occasionally. Chan is connected with the Dairymen's League and is in their New York office. Nancy lives in Mt. Vernon.

I shall be interested to hear what Margaret and Edward decide to do. Let me know if I can help them in any way.

With love to all the family

Your cousin

Clara.

12 Depot St.,
Gouverneur, N.Y.
Dec. 23, 1925.

Dear Cousin

I have jóst found
answering your good
letter until I could
have time to write at
length. Now the Christmas
longing to get in touch
with friends and relatives
prompts me to write
Even though I am starting
for Syracuse to-morrow
morning and can spare
only a few minutes to-night.

First let me thank you
for the letter from my

father. It makes him seem so much more real than he did before. Your letter was forwarded to Governeur and so I was then visiting in Syracuse it was sent back to me there.

You will no doubt be surprised to learn that I am spending this year in Governeur with my friend Miss Myers. I decided I would like a rest from teaching so last June I applied for retirement and came up here to keep house with Miss Myers. Then I thought perhaps I was foolish to burn my bridges so wrote to Syracuse asking for leave of absence. To my amazement it was granted so now I shall have a chance to go back if I care to.

In November I spent two weeks in Wilmington, Del. with Bertha and Marion. They are both married, as you know, and each has three children, two girls and a boy. Bertha's daughter, Helen is a freshman in high school. Bertha's husband, Willard Sweetman, works

for the Dupont Company and
Marion's husband, Elwood Ulrich,
is ~~in the~~ an automobile salesman.
They both live in Wilmington.
I called on Mrs. J. J. Jones, for-
merly Louise Griffith, and she
told me she intended to meet
Frances Watts in Philadelphia
on Thanksgiving Day and they
were going to see the big football
game between Cornell & U. of P.
On the way back I visited the
Lucas family who are now
living in Mt. Vernon, a suburb

of New York. Chas works for The Dairymen's League and Janet is a costume designer in New York. James is in Harvard.

A year ago last August Lewis and Pearl came on from St. Louis and together we three visited Remsen. We found Cousin Mary Ann Floyd very bright and active. Living there with her are Martha and Nellie Pierce.

Mrs. Thos. Richards died not long after we were there and Nettie lives in the old home alone.

I went to see Emma and Harry Davis. Our cemetery lot needed attention and I had Harry look after it for me. Yours needed the same attention I thought at the time. I haven't been there since.

If you should feel moved to write me again some day perhaps I can find time to tell you more about our old friends especially if you prompt me by a few questions. I was very glad to hear about your family.

Miss Myers and I go to-morrow to Syracuse to spend Christmas with friends.

With love to all the family

Clara.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!

Sept. 24 – 1923
In Pa. Library, Mpls. 10. a. m.

Dear Folks:—

Just a little letter this morning. We are glad to get your note of Sat. eve. and Sunday, Father— altho there were lots of things omitted that were in your power to disclose! How did you find the Baby this time Mother? Has anything of moment or of momentary interest transpired since I saw her Wednesday? I have not written her, thinking that I intended hear from her. I will try to write her today or tomorrow.

I have found it difficult to do much since coming up. The strangeness of Attica, I ascribe one reason; the restless, useless, entrancing pulsing of the city another + I enjoyed Sunday evening with Mr Allen very much — and would have been even more delighted if Elinor had not been along — only because he would not enter into our gossip and phosphorescent chat — I am glad he is up here. It calls up a different time — when days were less dirty — striken.

I have done a little reading. Saturday afternoon I read Molière's Tartuffe and last night practically finished Aeschylus' Agamemnon. This morning I took out The Oresteia of Aeschylus — a new book released by the

Today this morning I put on display Saturday. It contains the entire trilogy Agamemnon, Choephori, Eumenides. I am not funny-phunching when I say I liked Agamemnon. I took out on loan Saturday the fourth volume of Santayana's The Life of Reason: Reason in Art. It was the only one available at the time. Surprising to me, I find him readable and partially understandable. I have read over 50 pages, which is yet to read. The chapters I have walked thru so far are The Basis of Art in Instinct and Experience; Rationality of Industrial Art; Emergence of Fine Art; and Classic Form in Music.

I came down here this morning with the avowed intention to write — a short story, poem, anything. I may surprise myself and do it. I have lacked sufficient volition to send Premonitions, returned from Harpers, out again. For a principle, how would it be to always have something out? It is to laugh at myself! If Bob who has real genius & talent for writing can't get his material accepted, why should I waste postage? It is to laugh — and yet the curse of the gambler is mine and I'll probably continue to buy stamps as prospectors buy claims, finding no gold!

I received a nice letter from Margaret this morning. Mary Jones seems to be a nice friend, not a "jimmie" but a "take-it-from-me"! I wish I could persuade some one to give me some candy. I don't care for the blue stationery

rounded with silver, tho! I am glad she is finding Witness at least bearable.

I suppose you have heard nothing from Fride or the King about the 20.00 for? I would like to know one way or the other. Thursday I fished for work at the Employment Bureau. Whether I find anything I can do and can have the time for remains to be seen. I feel that my course is heavy and will unceasingly require my time and energy. Say, Father, have you asked the Curley about that energizer that comes in the form of pills? I really needed like some of it! —

Right now I am broke, with a shoe repair bill to pay tomorrow, books to buy Wednesday, etc. School starts Wednesday instead of Thursday — when I think it did — My bank statement shows a balance of .01¢! and I borrowed a dollar from Oliver this morning. I will write you when I perpetrate a check.

I brought up no socks; no handkerchiefs and need some of both. Also I believe I left my house slippers and bath sandals over there. Do you? If you have and don't especially need them I do. Perhaps I can have something done to them so they will not hurt my foot. And you haven't forgotten that my laundry bag will still work? But then you are holding that for my clean clothes.

I am quite sure that letter from the A. & C. is not in my letter file. Did you look under A. and M. is was in my letter file. The envelope is a small one and enclosed are two pink slips. Don't worry about it but I believe, tho, you will find them there.

Mrs. Mc sent Oliver and me the rounds of the 2nd hand store Friday looking for a bookcase for our room (not Attica). We spent a good part of the day thusly. Saturday we went down again and bought a pair looking one for 5.00. We brought it, so Mr. Mac understands — we did but Mrs. Mc paid for it.

I see you're in the mind of society since I left. Really Mother, I should not expect to my overcoat till spring!! It can't last forever, for soon you will run out of places to dine. When you have Bills even for a meal you can have hopes in that direction again!

I must write more soon. Send me up my ideas for poems, stories, essays, fantasies, etc. I may not use them, but I'll like them! Letters are always appreciated.

Love
Edmund

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Minneapolis
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Mr. J. E. Everett
Cannon Falls,
Minnesota

Did I write you my Mr. Postoffice box number 4523.

Room Thursday Public Library
Sept - 27 - 1923

Dear Folks:—

I guess I haven't written since school started. It is too early to form opinions but I've made tentative ones already.

French is going to be the same old grind of two hours at least a day. King is the main name and Milnes to be hard boiled. He may succeed!

I met him at 8:30 yesterday. At 11:30 I went up to Miss. Chase's class in Imitative Writing and was chased out along with about ten others who for not having written permits signed by herself to enroll in her class! I camped for the next half hour in her office and after hearing my case she very kindly admitted me the twenty-fifth in a class supposedly limited to 20. I must make good now. It is the most advanced course in writing offered this quarter and it must be full of these writing sharks. In that half hour intervals of uncertainty & my equanimity of spirit ~~almost~~ receded to specks almost unreachable!

I am thinking I will like Professor Stall in Victorian poetry. As for Prof Rayson (Mason is on leave this year) — I don't know. He has recently come from Oxford. Somewhere he has learned how to pronounce ă as ĭ — 'ten (tĭn) etc!

I spent three or so hours on French yesterday. I learn the stuff fast but forget it twice as fast.

I came down here to the library so as to escape the big celebration out at the U. It ought to be about over by now.

I will enclose the letter from Zaidee. I am glad she is interested in the affair and I really do not believe we are liberating the boys by taking a ten each month. I feel sure we can count on the 20¢ each month. I find my money goes very, very fast! Prof. Stall may kindly let us know that the books in Victorian Poetry we would buy would cost around $6.00 ! !

French books cost 2.25; a Book of Readings in 19th Century Prose (Carbone) this morning cost 1.80. Omar Khayyám sixty cents. But those books in the posting course will not, of course, have to be secured at once ~~x~~ ~~the whole~~ I want one now and then+

I spent some money for something else this morning — 3.00 for the University Concert Course. To go to any one of them would cost 3.50 and there is one of the five that I would pay 3.00 to hear - Jerg Friedman pianist. Many from the school of music in Washington went to Lawrence two years ago ~~to~~ to hear him. There are five of them which make the admission only 60¢ each.

Am getting powerfully ~~sleepy~~ ~~or~~ but not so sleepy — as I am hungry! So will stop and eat. For tomorrow's classes I have the whole of Omar Khayyám to study; lunch and four of Landis essays to read (4 times each she said) and pick to pieces as to how he wants, secure his effects etc for my limitation writing class at

will help me keep — or a day that is not ~~wasted~~ for study.

I am thinking summer must be with us.

I have not run across Janice or Marguerite yet. In three of my classes there are one or more who were in my classes of last spring. I am hoping to enjoy my surroundings more this year. Oliver with his simple-minded ways is hard to stand sometimes but so far Mr. Mc has kept him ~~in~~ trained obeyance. I am hoping Ed Mc will prove congenial and a source of companionship when I want him.

Maybe I should take Janice out rides to show her I'm not all stick made of wood? Maybe some day when I haven't any more books to keep? Maybe.

I forgot to tell you that I went right up to Mr. Arnsdorf that day and got changed to a resident quite easily. Thank you, Dotty.

As to the shoes. The repair man fixed up my old oxfords so they will stand another

I'll try to get along with them for awhile. For quite awhile perhaps ~~even~~ tho they are in their period of fourth soldering.

When do you come up for the association? Let me know your plans. Perhaps you can use our Attica (if we are moved down by that time) and come a day and night early. Yes hmm?

I am still waiting for a letter from Mary!

Is Mr. Semin very sick?

Love,

Edward.

Any odds for personal reasons etc. gladly received. I will pay my current rates for all ~~odds~~ subscriptions accepted or not.

E.

On that loan I have written checks:

5	00
1	50
3	00
9	50

I have heard nothing from the employment Bureau yet. I tell you what — if we get too close remember I am not harnessed up to my limit: I can easily pay back a lot more next winter if I work.

Monday morning

Dear Folks: ~~th~~ ~~Thes~~ This letter is past due — if for no other reason than that I wrote a fine check Saturday for which I have not the entire wherewithall to meet! But then that is minor, of course.

I had quite a day yesterday. In the morning I went to an Episcopal church with Miss Lynch (one of the teachers in the house) — who drove me over in her car. As Miss Mac remarked I went to a very agile church — which by the way means short naps and uncertain. I found many suitable stopping points which the church didn't notice at all!

About three o'clock Ed. McAlhany came over and after talking for a while up stairs (up stairs twice), and having donned my new suit — yes mother, I took it off after church!! — we walked down town visiting the city hall — home

the statue Mississippi, whose head shows influences of the Patriarch Moses with Zeus-hair submitted into flowing whiskers and whose posture imitates the god Neptune. We also visited the Walker Art Collection (good preparatory practice for the duties of hostess which will encumber my future) also Uncle Sam's visit to me! — We ate a little lunch and with a magazine apiece, we arrived on the top stairs before the gates that open to the time of 5$ & at 7:30. It was at that time 6:15. We knew all our neighbors in a little time and talked freely. If one does not go alone, it may be made fun to visit the gallery. We saw "Blossom-time" — a very sweet and beautiful production. All the music was based on the songs of Schubert (who died at the age of 31

having written in a short space about 600 songs), and Schubert himself was the main character in the little 2 stories it was so appealing I am tempted to go again! (But I won't).

Miss Chase's class starts soon. Today we are to compare two of Lamb's essays — Old Benchers of the Inner Temple, and Christ's Hospital Five and Thirty years ago. I suppose I will have to write a "Lamb" essay one of these days — and I judge from the essays we are studying it will be of a reminiscent character. Really Lamb was somewhat older than I am when he wrote his essays of reminiscences!

This afternoon in Poetry we study Arnold's Sohrab and Rustum. I enjoyed reading it and I like Prof Tall so far very much. In my other English class we are reading portions of Coleridge's Biographia Literaria

The last part of the week was sparing of letters. I haven't heard from Margaret since I came

(i.e. one letter came the first day and
a [illegible] written to Linda & yet
I was going to do so — and
lots of other things — but I
felt grumpy — in stomach, head
and spirit; and didn't get anything
accomplished.

Jim must get to send
up my overcoat before long. The
days have turned their faces toward
the winter again and I will need
it soon. Did you get a pair of my
trousers which I sent home?
I want the seat reinforced!

When is the association
meeting?

Elinor found a little, dirty
white cat bitten last night and
brought her home. My sleep was
fitful thruout the night with hallucinations
of a cat's paw touching my face.
Each time I found only the sheet
touching my face! — Elinor had
heard a lecture on the suffering
Armenians and her heart
subsequently opened to the poor

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M. J. E. Everett,
Cannon Falls,
Minnesota

I will meet the 1:20 Dan Patch train unless I hear otherwise. Try not to be late.

Monday morning —

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Dear Father: —

Received your letter before starting for school. I have called up the Dan Patch station and your train arrives here at 7:20. Now since this station is all by itself in a part of the city you have never been in, I advise you to wait for me (for I may be a little late) there — and you might as well stay with me — and of course so, rather than going to the Y or a hotel. The attics either Oliver and I — or both will occupy with out the least inconvenience on our part.

I wish you could arrive heretomorrow but I won't count on it unless I hear from you.

Give my love to Mary & when you see her.

Hastily
Edward —

Crosby Bros.
Sat afternoon

Dear Father:

Just a tiny note - it seems to be all clear & can write lately.

Glad you have made the break. You will feel much easier now and have more of a sense of freedom.

New York sounds interesting. Encourage all three stats as much as possible.

As to money, is the Trans. State acting pretty decent? They will stand back of you won't they?

I will try to talk to Fogg tomorrow some time & hope he can really help.

I believe you made the right move in resigning.

I realize that you will
be on quite a strain
and money some what
till you get settled again
— but for that I don't
believe it will be any
worse than the strain
you have been
on.

I wrote to Rob about
2 weeks ago as to whether
he thought I could find
something to do in N.Y.
York — and I have not
heard from him. Come
to think about it I don't believe
he ever has answered a
letter that I have written to
him. His address is 414 W 154th
isn't it?

I am got a breathy cold
today — Tell Will my I haven't
forgotten me and if I did not
get a letter from you today

Love
Maynard will be home Thurs. noon. I

Thurs. eve. or Fri noon

Sunday morning

Dear Father:—

We had our stunt night last night at the church & I believe things went off fairly well & I walked home with Dr. Gregory last night & He told me that he had sent in a recommendation for you to Dr. Merrill of Illinois & among his words and that to were: that he would not stay in Overbrook a single week longer than he had to & that he had gone as far in Kansas as he cared to — there being no congregationalism here & he also remarked that you deserved a good church and that if you would only let him he would & see to it that

York got a good one + that
Dr Rollins of Fairmont
is now New York superintendent
and that he knows you
can get something good there.
He said he knew the ropes
— as you doubtless did — but
but when he thought the
church worthy of you he
would show it with
board side such as
which would awaken
them as to your real
worth.

I want to [illegible] I
believe the Lord meant it
all and that you are
riding high. Now don't fail
at the crucial
moment. He said he
could get you a good church
in Minn. Just let us
[illegible] you wanted East and not
north — and that it is
cold up north.

Doesn't all that make you feel good? Please Daddy, let me to it all at least — and Yew York would be that much better.

I want to do what Mother suggested. I haven't written to Bob as yet because of lack of time — I am writing this in class —. I want to quit school at the end of this semester, go to New York and work til next fall and then go up to Tufts College to school. It is a school of about 1500 — not far from Boston but still far enough to be out of the big city and quite close to Wellesley where Mary could go if we moved back East. I took a couple of hours off the other day and studied the maps of Town, New Jersey,

Mass. and New York & I am going to write to Bob right away and see what he says in regard to work, etc. —— I simply must get that all & will have to if I have to stay in Washburn much longer —— and since I intend to land back in New York sometime it might just as well be now. I wish I might & be able to come home and talk family matters over.

I feel encouraged over your prospect of moving & I for you get the chance of ~~or~~ to candidate one or two places back in Ill or New York with real promise of help in getting a good church — why not resign to take effect in 2 or 3 months and go after it.

— This is all for this time. I am having a terrible time of it getting to get my work done & I begin to feel that I am losing my thing just going to college & write — any & all of you — when you have time —— Love,

Edward ——

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Mrs. E. W. Everett
Remsen
New York

(Box 15)

Ramsey July 6

Dear papa & mama

It was sad to hear that Uncle Lewis was dead. We will expect you tomorrow. Mrs. White went monday down to the depot to meet you & she says you let her ~~know~~ ~~how~~ know when you are coming she will meet you to the depot. How is Aunt Sarah getting along now. W. C. said he was going to send for some things but

I received your letter with

9 Beaconsfield Terrace Road
Kensington W 14

Dear Folks:

My dear Cesar people are putting on paper their peculiar ideas concerning the last part of Chapter 26 and the first part of Chap. 27. and I am trying to watch them at the same time I write to you. The class is composed mostly of girls which means that I've got to use instinct as well as vision for they are most treacherous and sly.

I've had a very interesting week-end, which started Thursday night by my going down to meet a fellow who ~~used to~~ taught here last year. Four of us met the midnight train and after words imbibed a few morsels of sustenance at the European. Mine consisted of a delightful breakfast - albeit it was only one small - of stewed prunes, toast and coffee!

The next afternoon of course legal and alleged natures hour by sleeping from four-thirty to six. I felt so fine after supper that I asked - and was accepted - one of the girls up to the house to-

Grands fifth annual Ball. Practically everybody in town was there and some of Hibbing et cetera town were there. Music was imported from Duluth at the cost of two hundred dollars and one had to pay extra for his supper. It seems the Range made a great deal of the Home-guards and the organization is still active.

I wore my new suit for the first time and mailed it looked quite proper x

The next morning - entering my routine - I saw about as much of the eclipse as most of my R. Rid. It ought either that were clouds and when they dispelled the eclipse of sun at about its totality. I didn't notice especially even it - but then I may have been too tired to pay much attention. At any rate I found it hard to learn much about contents that morning, and for the afternoon, morning class

W. d. was at court & got three of the boys to attend with me whereupon we learned an amazing lot about cows. Saturday evening we saw a basket-ball game from Bemidji, Sunday I played for church and sat through the awfullest exposition (by our pastor — "London Jack Shy — Pilot") of fundamentalism ever ~~~~ exposed. It dwelt on bones and flesh — but no blood — and similar stuff worthy of Sir Thomas Browne of the 17th century ——

I got a letter from Margaret which I will send on. am always glad to have Margaret's letters, and if Mary ever writes a letter the least bit informing please forward that to me too. I have heard directly from Margaret — not at all since Xmas.

I am reading Rob Douglas's translation of Aeneid. I have read two & books so far. I only wish I could read

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the original has so foolishly and foolishly

Friday is pay-day. I can handle
with tact and write it all away. I have
got along on 10 dollars this month.

I am trying to keep busy — and
succeeding moderately well. I have read 40 pages
of a 700 page article on contracts. Line up here at
school by 8 every morning and leave Rosoni's
office at 6. And I stay in my room practically
every week night (Thurs. is choir practice)
I'm such a restless kind to shoot the
only way for me to get along —

I haven't heard from home for a
week — I trust everything is all right.

Line got to stop and take up the
impotent attempts.

Love

Edmund — —

(Not proof-read)

Holland Patent Aug. 22 1896

John C. Everett

Dear Brother

I received your letter informing me of Father Everett's death, would have answered it sooner had my Mother not been very sick that I could not leave her. She is improving now.
Am glad you was with your father before he died
Am sorry Frances had not met him as she always had a great desire to. she fully realized that

he was a very near relative and that was very fond of her father. She is at Wilmington Del. she is the head book keeper for the Singer's sewing Machine Mfg. Co. for the State of N.C., She lives with Louise so her expenses are not very high, she is trying to save enough money to go back to Cuba.

In regard to the property there, I would suggest: to have the farm advertised for sale but not sold until a satisfactory offer price is offered, or should you get an offer please inform me. Is the debt on mortgage on the farm What do you consider a

satisfactory price there. farms are selling here from $25 to $30. per acre and it in a very desirable location the prices are much higher. of course. what is the best for you is the best for us. would like to settle it with as little expense as possible

With kind regards to yourself and family I remain Your affectionate sister, Esther Everett

Holland Patent. Oct. 31. 1902

F. E. Everett

Dear Brother

I understand that you are applying to the court to try and stop me from my Share of your father's Estate; it is immaterial to me whether I get it or Frances; providing we get justice,

Frances father came East to get the money which was left to him after his Mother, and he got it of his Uncle Laurance Coley now of Conny Pa. and he sent it to your father to help pay for that farm, I have

I have your fathers letter to Frank to know it. Frank worked and send money all his wages to your father to pay for that farm also, I have your fathers letter acknowledging the receipt of them, (the money) his letters state that the money you received from Pa. was put on interest - for you and not in the farm.

When Frank was starting to Kansas my father had to pay Thomas Morgan $72. for Frank's wedding clothes and Overcoat. and also lent him $50. to pay his way and for pocket money when he got home. And I gave him $200. which my great Aunt Jane Lewis had left me (all the money I had in the world) to help build

the house that burned.
After putting every cent we both had, in that place he died and left me a widow of 20 with an unborn orphan, to struggle hard to bring up. and not one cent did I ever get from his father people to help me. and now are you going to squander what little her Grandfather left her, when she is so much in need of it? to have your revenge on me, for asking you to do what you know is right: when we have waited patiently for over 6 years for it: and you have had the benefit of it: You just

stop to think what you people have done for Frances and did you ever only think of her father's side, a Christian a Minister appealing to the court to do as what Frank you can! Can an Everett stoop as low as that! Can you wrong the orphan of your dead brother who sacrificed his life in working to pay for that farm You were young at the time of Frank's death and may not have known of the hardship I had to bring up your brothers orphan, Now you are old enough to realize, and I ask you to do what your conscious says is right.

Respectfully Yours sister

Esther Everett

Holland Patent, N.Y.
June, 5, 1889.

Dear Uncle Eddie,-

I see - your letter some time ago and meant to ans. it right away but have been very busy preparing for examation. They commence next Monday. Hanna and I did see and know you when you went up on the train but did not know until after wards what you were going up for. I hope when you come home again I may

will be sure and come
and see us. I was rather
afraid you did not set my
picture. Do you think it
looks like I am? Grandpa
Everette and the Aunties thought
it looked more like "sweet
sixteen" than a Miss
twelve. We expect Aunt
Louise and the baby out
next week and I intend to
go back with her.
You must not expect
me to write a long letter
as I am very busy now
Hoping to hear from you
soon & see you soon I
remain your loving
niece
Frankie Everette.

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703 Jackson St
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NEW YORK, Sept. 4th 1902

Dear Uncle

Your kind note reached me after having been kept at the N. Y. Hosp. for several days as at present I am taking my maternity training at the Lying in Hosp. Allow me to congratulate you upon the arrival of a son. at present it seems

th- is quite an every day occurrence with us here.

In regard th- business now I fully agree with my mother in regard th- having the farm put up at public auction this fall. We have talked the matter over and concluded we cared not wait any longer.

I expect th go th- N. P. Sept. 15th th spend my vacation and am existing until that time comes. Have had quite a hard year of it and am more than played out - I sometimes wonder how I possibly can go another day without my

vacation —

As I must — be back on duty in ten minutes must close with very kind love for yourself and family

Sincerely yours

Frances A. Ewell.

Thursday

Dear Uncle Eddie

I fully expected to have this letter reach you by Christmas Day, but I got overwhelmed with unexpected things - Robert home for the holidays, and no maid, and believe me he is a very hungry lad - I do not see where he puts so much food - then I had unexpected people for lunch and dinner

for two days - had a party in hand - then a very good friend died and visited & attend her funeral so it has been a hectic time since last Saturday.

I trust you and yours have had a pleasant year. It seems almost impossible & believe that that a whole year has passed since I have written to you.

Mother and my Aunts Carrie and Louise enjoyed your letter about my father very much. I think it meant more to them as they remember my father so distinctly. and of course he is more like a myth to me.

We have had a very nice year - no illness etc.

Mother spent June & July

with Aunt Louise at Wilmington assisting her & care for Laurence Jr. while his father & mother were in Europe. Then in August they all came here to visit me. Frank and I have been east several times this fall. drive down one day, stay a day & drive back in the third day. The last time I saw Aunt Louise, she had seen

~~seen~~ Clara Everett.
Clara was visiting
Berta and Marion
(Orrin's children).
I have not seen her
for a great many
years - She had not
been teaching this
fall.

I trust you will
pardon all the mistakes
in this letter. really
you must not blame
them on old age -
It is the radio - But

is getting some awful thing from Washington and it annoys me so that I cannot collect my thoughts. I do not like that word. It is one of the "sorrows" of my life. I do not suppose that all of your family will be home to-morrow, as some are quite away from your home.

Robert is wondering where he will be next Christmas as he will graduate in June —

Hoping to hear from you in the early future.

Very sincerely,
Frances E. Watts

36 Frost Ave
Frostburg, Md.

Dear Uncle Eddie.

I have been an unpardonable long time in answering your letter. I certainly thank you for your very kind words of sympathy. I feel I have suffered a great loss, yet I do not wish mother back unless she had her usual excellent health.

In cleaning out my desk I also find a beautiful letter from you written me on my 50th birthday. Mother had her relapse so soon after that I took that I had no chance to answer it. I do not seem to realize that I am quite a little over 50 by this time By the way, I have the Bible you mentioned in

your letter - The date of her gift to me is March. 8. 1878 4 days before her death.
I also have a Bible of my fathers - I believe the date in that is 1866. To-night I cannot find that bible to verify that date.
We have had a very fine Winter very little snow. in fact. hardly any cattle about this week ago. I am always glad to see the summer.
I came across some map. shots of Robert. taken last summer. thought me might interest you -
With Kindest regards to Lon & all the family
Sincerely.
Frances E. Wells

[illegible]

My dear Uncle.

It certainly gave me great pleasure to hear from you and to know something of your family. There are very few "near" Everetts left. I suppose the latter I wrote you at the time of my marriage went astray for I did write at that time asking you, if possible, to marry me I had but the two

Uncles and I wished one to marry me and the other to give me away. Well maybe at my "next marriage" you will officiate

You were asking about the Griffiths - Aunt Carrie and son Stanley live in Frostburg - He graduated at Delaware College - then took a chemical engineering course at the Univ. of Penn. Phila. and is now Engineer of tests at the Kelley - Springfield Tire Co. at Cumberland. He is thirty-three yrs. old - not married but expects a Miss Beard from Conn. to be his bride next June. Aunt Carrie's husband Uncle Eve was killed in Phila. about six weeks before Uncle Jim's death.

Aunt Louise & Uncle John
live at Wilmington, Del.
Her son Laurence is a
graduate of Syracuse Univ.
and Univ. of Penn. medical
and is practicing with
his father - He is 32 yrs.
old - been married 1 1/2 yrs.
Aunt Louise's daughter
Edith married a Dr.
David Mitchell, and is
living at 160 W. 85th

New York City -
Since Grandmother
Griffiths death my
mother has made
her home with me.
She is a very spry
person for 67 yrs. old.
She sleeps out on the
street like a 16 yr.
old girl - Aunt Louise
+ Aunt Carrie are
very gray but mother's
hair is quite dark
yet. all of Uncle
John Griffiths family

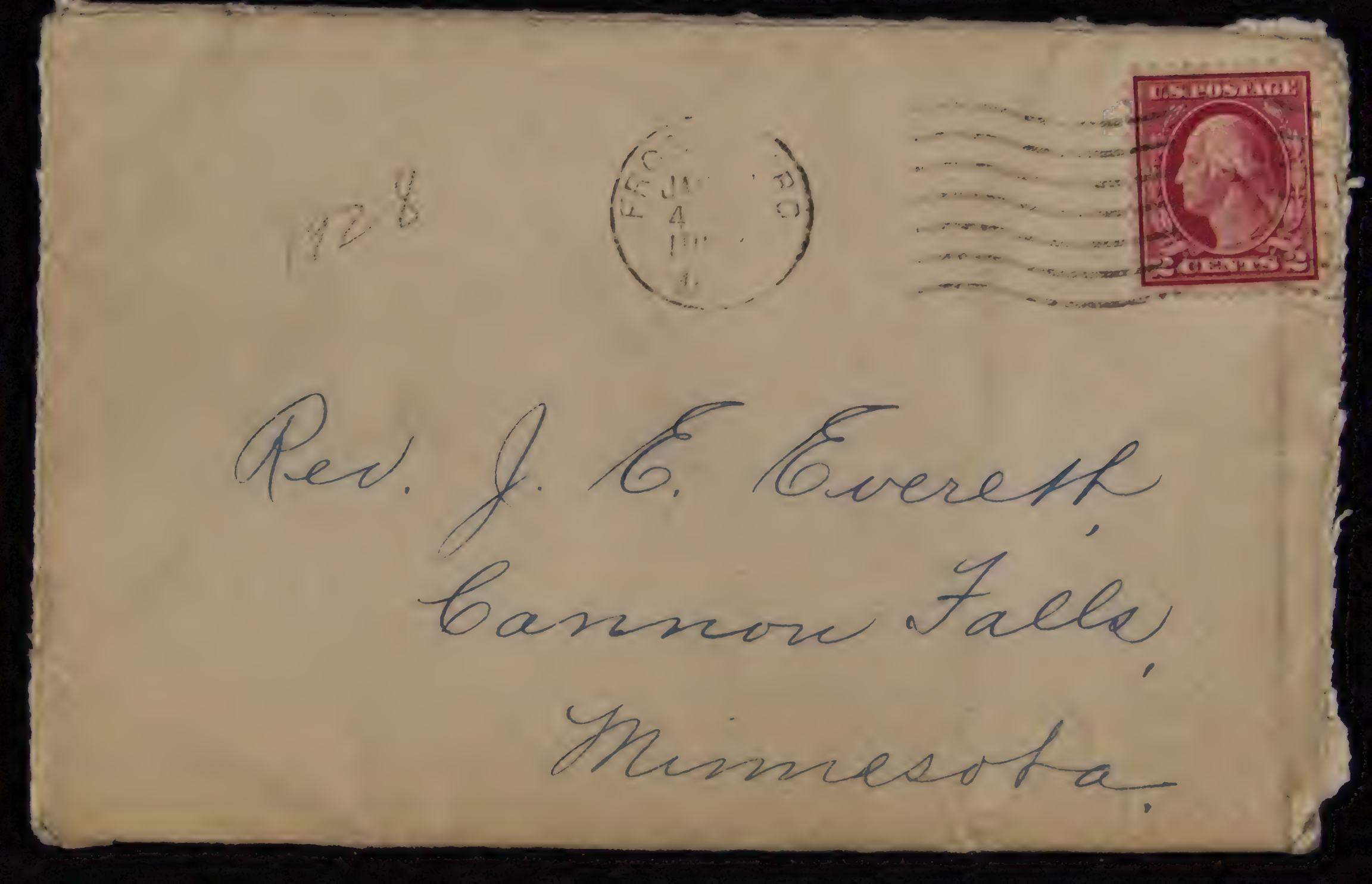
are dead except Ellen
I think Clara Everett
is still at Syracuse -
Orrin Everett's two daughters
live in Wilmington Del.
are married - each have
three children - I see
them at times. His
wife died from cancer
few years ago - I know
very little about people
in N. Y. State, in fact,
nearly all of mother's
friends are dead. I
intend soon taking
an auto trip with my son
to the old places up there
I have the one boy. He
will be 17 on Feb. 19.
He is tall 5 ft 10 - weighs
145 has reddish hair
blue eyes and much of
his disgust has freckles

in the summer time-
He is a nice lad, has
a fine disposition, and
like my Uncle Tim, is
a very good mixer.
He was graduated from
the High School last
June, and entered the
Wharton School of Finance
& the Univ. of Penn
last fall, and I suppose
will be a banker.

Frank is Cashier of
The Citizens Nat Bank
He was originally
from Canton Pa
came to Frostburg
30 yrs ago and started
this bank - As Mr.
Armstrong, the Pres.
has never taken
active part at the
Bank, we feel that
the success of the
institution has
been Frank's efforts
Frank is 9½ yrs.

older than I am—
is 6 ft—weighs 215 lb.
as for me— well you
remember I am not
very tall, and thank
goodness I have not
"spread out" either— I
weigh about 122 lbs.
have few gray hairs
I will certainly look
Roberts up sometime
I get over to N. Y. every
two or three months—
In the summer m
motor to Wilmington
quite often and take
N. Y. in for a day or so.
As you are moving
Feby 1st— am addressing
this to Minn.
Oh Yes. Is Uncle Edward

and wife still living;
Hoping to hear from
you again, with
kindest regards to all
the family. I am
Sincerely yours.
Frances E. Watts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Rev. J. E. Everett,
Cannon Falls,
Minnesota.

Mrs. Frank Watts
136 Frost Ave.
Frostburg Md.

Marietta Georgia.
Sept. 4th 1920.

My dear Father:

I am sorry to have had to delay my trip back to New York but I could not travel this week.

My dear brother, Major Frank B. Cain passed away at Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C. on August 22nd and as early as was

was a surprise that so many of them should
meet battle field. I was glad time to
return many friends to God made - to
see so quiet & unobtrusive at all times -
the soldiers came for miles at the
floral offerings were magnificent.

We are in camp & witness significant
services conducted after the manner -
I am understand why Lauri wrote
back to quit Bob's mother.

I plan to leave Wednesday the 8th - it is
hard to leave Mamma and I know should
feel pleased without Helen; but Bob is so anxious
for me to see his mother.

Helen is so dear these days - I shall
miss her - she is such a blessing to
others just like Bob - I am so glad
I had her so much.

[illegible]

such a shock that Mamma and I can scarcely seem to get over it. He was in very [illegible] a wonderful man in every respect and always especially devoted to Mamma and me. He was very [illegible] and un-married. Until very [illegible] he [illegible] his flag-draped casket with his sword and cap and the playing of "Taps" as

Rev. John E. Everett

Overbrook, Kans

JAY CARROLL EVERETT
1ST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PAOLA, KANSAS

Turin N. Y. May 22

Dear Cousin

Charlie & I stated to go a fishing and it rained so hard that we had to come home. I am getting a collection of Advertising Cards and have got about 17. Do you have any out there? If you have could you send me a few? We go to school 5 weeks more after this week. I study History, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Spelling and Writing. We had speaking last Friday and I spoke a piece entitled Dried Apples Pies and after we spoke We spelled down with Sula Rea and I being the choosers. Lizzie Williams, Cousin Clara and I spelled down the school. I go down stairs as there are 3 teachers. I go up stairs to recite in Grammar.

Irving went to New York this spring with his father. Aunt Jane. Little Lewis and his mother were in Swinton Sunday.

Write soon

Your Cousin Jay Carroll Everett

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Paola Ks., Mch. 16, 1918.

Rev. J. E. Everett,
Overbrook, Ks.

My dear Cousin:—

There appears to be a little controversy over the ownership of a part share (4/10) in the old W. W. Mills Dry Goods Co., Topeka. On Feb. 10th, 1910, Mr. W. W. Mills personally presented me with a certificate for such an interest in his firm, even though I suggested that it had been made out in favor of "J. E. Everett". On thanking him, I suggested it might be well to have the second initial changed from "E" to "C". Nothing more was heard of

it until $7.00 in check came to me early in January which was 7% on a full share, and of course I assumed that Mr. Mills had simply added to the original and transferred same to the succeeding firm. Now I am advised that you are laying claim as the owner thereof.

Of course, if you lay claim to the 4/10 share which was issued to J. E. Everett, Topeka, Kans on Feb 10, 1910, because you bought and paid for same, it is yours without a question. But since Mr. Mills himself, told me and my father who was with me at the time, that the J. E. Everett certificate was for me personally, I am inclined to think there is a mistake. Would you kindly advise if you had arranged beforehand

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for that little interest in the old form? When I was in Topeka at the January War Council Meeting I tried to see Mr. Wills personally but learned he was for long time confined because of sickness. All this is in the nature of a desire to get things straightened out, and no harm done.

We are all well here in Miami County so far as the Everett tribe is concerned, I guess. Had a nice visit with the Osawatomie cousins the other day. Esther, our daughter, is a Freshman in College. Mother has not been well lately. Father is enjoying [illegible]

health considering his age and all. Harry is a First Lieutenant at Camp Funston, and Ray is eligible for army service so may be called one of these days if he is not granted exemption. My wife Elizabeth is well and busy as ever. Trusting this may find the Overbrook Everetts in good health, I would remain,

Sincerely Your Cousin,

Ray C. Everett

Sabetha, Kansas.
January 1923.

Dear Folks;

I sent the travelling bag this noon. Sorry I didn't send it sooner. I had just resolved yesterday to send it today without fail.

How is the packing progressing? It must be slow work with all your interruptions and everything. Don't rush-do now and get all worn-out in the rush!

Mother is certainly having some nice receptions, isn't

takes so long to write them

You won't have room for so very many things in the bag, mother - You'd better get a suit box and put your dresses in it. It won't be hard to carry or you and mail it here. Your dresses would wrinkle too much in the bag, anyway. Of course you will bring your <u>new</u> <u>dress</u> and then your plum dress and you might want your black one. You'd better bring one of those house dresses too, if you have room. If you don't have room, don't bother about it. We'll find something here. You might wear your winter hat up here and then get a new spring one when you get here. We have a dandy little Millinery Shop and they have some good-looking new spring hats. They are very reasonable too. You ought to have a light-weight coat too. One of the stores here has some good ready-to-wear garments and their coats are very good-looking.

Aren't we having fine warm weather? I am only fearful that we may have snow in March or April — as we once did!

she? Mother, I'm glad you have a gold pencil! I shall want to hear all about every-thing when you come up here.

You will probably come either next Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday afternoon: Let me know which.

Did you get a car for the furniture or have you sold some of it? Tell Edward I'm counting on him fixing up that Fulton pet very beautifully in Cretonne.

Of course, all these questions can better be answered when Mother comes because it

I was awfully sorry I
couldn't get to see Howard.
He called me here Saturday
just ½ hour before train
time. I wasn't dressed
entirely and was in the
middst of test paper grading.
I didn't have time to get a
substitute for Mon. A.M.
and I didn't have any time to
make arrangements to get back
Sunday. Besides I didn't
feel very well and I have a
continuous headache wanted
my lot all this week if
I should rush around to be
ready for a day or so.

Then when I talked to him Sunday I didn't have time to arrange my work + Sunday evening matters properly - So - I didn't get to go. If he had telegraphed me ahead of time when he would be in Topeka I could have gone down Sat. A.M. spent Saturday afternoon with him and come back Sunday morning. I was just afraid he might think I didn't want to come after I made such a splurge to get home to see Auntie and Uncle.

I have been taking those treatments all last week + this. I have also been feeling pretty well with the exception of Saturday + Sunday. Too many papers, I guess!! I am also liking teaching better most of the time. I notice that condition prevails mostly, however, when I feel well.

I guess I haven't anything of importance to write. Tell Mary when you chat with her next time that I'd surely like to have a nice letter from her.

With lots of love —

Margaret —

Don't forget to bring the bell to
your next meeting, Walter.

A. J. COLLINS, President, Board of Education

ROY CASHMAN, Clerk

SABETHA CITY SCHOOLS

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Sabetha, Kansas

May 1, 1923.

Dear Folks:

Well, our contest is over and I'm glad! We didn't come out first in everything. We were second in the Track and Field meet but were first in the literary contest. In the literary contest we made first in a mixed chorus and second in an orchestra number. (Mr. Marks has been bragging on that orchestra for six weeks and they've practiced only about four pieces all year and they got to play two of those pieces last night. Of course I wasn't glad they took just second place but since I didn't take first in everything I couldn't repress a feeling of wicked joy.) My work took first in oration (Three rousing cheers!) second in declamation and second in essay. At that we made 11 points out of 19. I really didn't think we would win first place in declamation but the thing I objected to was having Seneca win first place because their contest-nut was funk! Centralia should have had first and we second. But I don't feel badly although I wish we could have taken two first places and one second. The thing that worries me is I'm afraid I don't know enough about such things to train anyone. I've never had a real expression lesson in my life but I know how I

like to hear a reading and how I don't like it.

We didn't go over to Seneca until about four. We got there a little after five and saw an hour of the Field & Track meet. That was enough for me. Clifford took Frances + me. He certainly is nice to me. We didn't get in bed until 12:30 + as a result I'm rather sleepy this morning. I'm getting too old to dissipate, I guess.

I've been suffering more or less from headaches again since Friday. My one hope now is that I can last until school is over. I guess I will, however. I may not have another headache for weeks - or I might have one just any minute. I never can tell.

I went out to Cliff's sister's for dinner Sunday. About the whole family was there. Had a good time. We played New Orleans, Hide and Seek, etc. You see there are a number of little folks there and we had to accommodate them also. I've been so stiff every since after such unwonted exertion, that I do well to get around at all. A week from Fri. we're invited out in the country to stay until Sunday morning. I expect we'll go fishing, etc. This Fri. is the Jr. - Sr. Reception. I shudder when I think of the similar event last year. The one here this year is to be worked out on the order of "King Tut," with Egyptian decorations, stunts, etc. I believe it will be quite unique in its way.

I appreciated your letter greatly, father. You are most encouraging, but I fear my talents are too limited. I have been thinking seriously of writing a dissertation on "Sleep." I'm sure I'm qualified on that subject. Another one is the "Consuming Egoism of Man." I have several notable incidents of such types but I assure you that you are the man to whom I will dedicate

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it as the only man I know who seems to me to be utterly free from such an almost universal characteristic.

Frances has called my attention to the fact that I use rather unusual words in my ordinary conversation. I believe that she's mistaken. They're just words that we have always used more or less. The persons at our table who do not engage in teaching are constantly referring to our wonderful positions and great salaries. In answer to such a statement from a particularly obnoxious source I replied, "Yes we live in opulence for nine months and in penury for three." I received such an answer by blank countenances and finally a chorus by "what?" that I began to wonder if Frances was right - since then I use only plain words composed of monosyllables and of obvious meaning.

I wish I could have sent all our winter clothes, mother. But I hardly know how. I believe that I can pack most of my things in my trunk and my books in a box. I am acquiring quite a nice library, I think. Of course many of ~~the~~ books I have are W.P.S.

I hope you folks are all feeling fine. Do you really like Cannon Falls and especially the Minnesota climate? I am certainly thrilled about going to Cannon F. but I dread meeting so many new people again. You see I have such a shrinking nature!

Its about eating time so I'll go. I'm preserving your literary letter with care, Father & I thank you for all your good advice. If I had a real ambition I believe it would be nice to write an entirely different text-book for H.S. pupils — just full of intimate, personal material about these different authors. Something they'd like to read.

Heaps of love —

Margaret.

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Rochester, Minn.

Thursday P.M.

Dear Folks:

I believe I won't come home this time. I've just been talking with some of the other teachers and they seemed to think that I could manage to get off Monday after Thanksgiving. You see that way I'll have Thursday, Fri. - Sat. Sun. + part of Monday at home. If I should come tomorrow I'd have to come back about the middle of Saturday morning. I'm crazy to come home now but I keep thinking that I'll vanish if I have to stay in Spring Grove over Thanksgiving. Besides I have only twenty-nine dollars

in the bank and I won't have anything to live on for another month if I spend every cent of it. I'm wild to come home. I hate these crazy teacher's meetings. We started from S. F. at 8:30 this morning. It was quite cold riding but the scenery was worth seeing. The trees are so lovely now and hills and valleys abound down by S. J. We were here by noon. — We have two adjoining rooms - twin beds in our room. We pay two dollars a day but I think we'll be here only today & tomorrow, i.e going home Sat. P. M.

I bought a pair of new shoes today - black oxfords - good-looking. I certainly did need some as I've been

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wearing those old patent leather sandals all the time & they actually feel and look like bed room slippers.

In writing this between a period of bumming & supper. There are something like six hospitals here but I've just found out that Mrs. E. is at St. Marys Hospital. Of course I had to forget to bring your letter, father. I'll try & stop to see her before I leave.

Thanks for your suggestions about the sketch father. I realize your criticism is just & that "for the fact that," is

Really an unpardonable crime. I actually did cut out two such phrases!. I'm glad for any suggestions. I wish I could write. If I just had anything to say or enough knowledge about so many things.

Time to dress, I guess.

It's sort of nice to be in a place larger than S. G.

Heaps of love -

— Margaret —

Sabetha, Kansas.
Wednesday. –

Dear Family:

I guess I'm about the poorest correspondent in the family. I owe everybody letters and I guess I must be getting something like Bob – hate to write letters. I've just finished a letter to Lois Platt. She is teaching at Minneapolis Kansas, this year and she has applied here for Spanish + Latin for next year. I was speaking with Mr. Marks yesterday and he seemed rather favorably inclined toward her. You never can tell how he feels by what he says, however. I've written to Lois to beseech her not to apply for less than $150.00. The school B. is trying to get in new women teachers for next year + paying them only $135 – etc. Then they thaw all the extra money on the salary of the new teachers. Makes my blood boil. Stockdale or Marks don't do a single bit more

been postponed until Monday. I wish we could have it today and have it over. My two gave their selections in Chapel yesterday & did quite well. But there is so much room for improvement. The boy giving the oration understands corrections so well and remembers every one. Even though he has his oration well learned he seems to be able to change his original method of giving it upon being corrected. The girl giving the reading can't seem to change so easily. She says things almost the same way now, after repeated corrections, as she did when she first learned it. But she tries hard & she certainly is brave. Her mother died just about two weeks ago and she is going ahead with this because her mother wanted her to. I hadn't heard the essay for about ten days but then I was disgusted with it. On hearing it again yesterday it sounded quite respectable and I have hopes of placing in it.

I wish I would hear from Red Wing. I certainly would like to go there. I'll write again if I thought it would do any good.

In about six weeks or 6½ now I'll be giving myself the great pleasure of being at home. I had thought at first to express myself as Stryver, being a fellow of great delicacy, but I believe the role of Carton to be more winning (sic) I express my sentiments as a fellow of no delicacy. (Influence of "Tale of Two Cities.") Anyway, I'll certainly be glad to be home.

This day reminds me of Longfellow's "The Rainy Day." His line "It rains and the wind is never weary." - just fits today. In fact the wind has been particularly dreary for several days now.

We are studying our magazines now. They certainly are interesting. I believe that some of the youngsters like them.

I want the tuition at Carleton rather high? May - might as well go to Minneapolis - I'm sorry there's no chance for me at Northfield. But my destiny is directing me some place else, I'm certain.

You write to me with so much regularity that I am made ashamed of myself. Perhaps some day I'll improve. I do hope mother is feeling all right again. Be very careful, won't you, mother?

Heaps of love -

in this school than all the women faculty do + yet they get all the money. Even Mr. McKinney, the Commercial teacher, who has not had even four years of college training - because he is a man - gets $175.00 this year with a raise next year. I'm not going to flunky for any school-board, did you find out anything over in Northfield, Father? I asked for only $165.00 I wish I'd asked for more. Maybe they thought I was too cheap. I've been thinking it would be nice to work in a book-store or some similar place. School-teaching doesn't make a big hit with me. But I suppose I can make as much money teaching school as any other way. Hope you had an enjoyable time in Northfield. Write me about it.

Hope my contestants win at Seneca, Friday. If they don't, I'll cry!

I haven't heard a single word from Mary yet. Have you?

Friday. Had a letter from Mary, Wed-noon. It has been raining most all morning so our track meet has

much of this is answered now!

1120 Amsterdam Ave

N. Y. City.

Dear Folks.

All your letters came together today. For some reason they had been held up at the University P.O. and didn't reach me till this afternoon.

No, I haven't forgotten Kansas yet. I've never been at all hesitant about letting folks know what state I hail from, nor I don't think I ever will be. There is an R. D. Everett rooming here. I've been down to his room several times, but have never found him. I don't know where he is from, but he might be Rob Everett from Emporia. I'll probably see him before long.

Today is the first day I've felt at all good since leaving. I've been more than busy getting my work caught up and as a result I haven't done much of playing. I don't even know where all the school buildings are. The farthest down town I've been is 42nd. I've been down to Central Park, but not through it,

and over on Riverside Drive as far up as Grant's Tomb. I've been up and down B'Way and Amsterdam a good many blocks, but with no particular objective point in mind.

This morning I finished all my back work. There was a lot of it to do in Ital, which is a stiff course. I'm way behind in French - in pronunciation that is. I'm all right on grammar and translation. I've been grinding away on the French sounds till the whole floor thinks I'm a Hindoo medium, and I can't get it at all. It's absolutely the most absurd language to speak on earth. Half the letters are silent, and no two words have the same silent letters. There are an endless

number of rules and exceptions and it requires twenty minutes speculation before attempting to say a word. So the work in class goes at high speed & don't get much benefit there. The next thing I have to do in Brit. is to prepare an exhaustive paper on Boccaccio's Conception of Government. Not knowing exactly whether Boccaccio is a new part town or a new face marriage, I expect I'll have a little difficulty.

Tell Jardee I got a card from Superior, Neb., where Esther is becoming sophisticated. Tell her and "Chuck" to write to me. I'll write them when I get a little more time. Next week, I'll try and look

address my mail just to 1120 Amsterdam Ave. as then it comes direct. If in care of the University, it goes first to another building and quite a little delay is caused.

Yep Dr. Evans. When you send the address of the Williams people and that other man, I'll look them up also.

I'll close now and maybe some more Friend.

Yours truly
Your son
Robert Everett

P.S. Sent postcards from Chicago and Cleveland. I hope you got them all right. — I came in at the Grand Central station at 42nd and found the subway without any trouble. I took a B Way express train to 116th St. and was right at the school. I don't think it took over six or eight minutes.

ROBERTS EVERETT
1328 BROADWAY
NEW YORK

TELEPHONE FITZ ROY 0581

Feb. 28

Dear father, and mother:

We all enjoyed your recent long letter, with the verse for Helen - which she memorized, by the way. Margaret had written me of her coming, and I probably would have met her in Schenectady if I had not had business in Pittsburgh which I could not put off. After some little mis-planning we finally saw each other here last Thursday -Margaret came down that evening and returned Sunday evening. It was rather a thrill to be again waiting for the arrival of one of the Everetts at the station: I knew her readily enough, although I did almost carry off another girl at first, by mistake. As soon as I can arrange it I shall see her in Schenectady, and see if she has made as desirable living arrangements as are possible. I admire her spunk in packing up and coming as she did and am sure she will make good quickly.

We discussed various things, aside from our delight in seeing each other (Helen and Margaret seemed to approve of one another and did more discussing, by volume, than I took part in) and among them the educational and other outlook for the family at the moment. At the risk of intruding I am going to "make a few remarks" which may or may not be appropos but which are surely meant well.

I deduced from Margaret's comments and remarks that she is relied upon, or has offered, to help Mary financially this spring. I do not believe she should, but that she definitely should be enjoined from it. She is in a slightly different environment now, and ~~must if she is to profit by it, get ahead financially~~ if by only a tiny margin. I firmly believe she will require all that she can earn for the next twelve months to equip her properly with clothes, "appurtenances" and the outer panoply of inner confidence which she will inevitably require to profit by the opportunities which can be expected to appear in Schenectady or elsewhere in the east. Her health being what it is, she requires some little smoothnesses in the way of life which she only can get by having the full use of her earnings. For emergencies' and mental-ease's sake she should gradually acquire a reserve fund of at least a few dollars also.

As I understand the situation, Edward will be able to assume his own destiny's control (if fortune is normally good) after this school year is passed and a summer's rest. Although Margerat said nothing on this point I have somehow received the impression that for you to carry Mary through the balance of her college course will mean a lessening of the insurance and other reserves which you and mother possess or may come to have.

I am not able to take over Mary's college expenses as I should like to. If unmarried I could do it in full, and would have volunteered to some time since. I hope to help Margaret some now: not in a direct financial way, but in helping her to opportunities for self-advancement (materially speaking) and to certain occasional relaxations, which represent financial outlay indirectly. I want to help Edward to chances to get on his feet in a material way, also, if I can. But I feel very strongly that the essential for the family is now for Margaret first, then Edward, to get on their feet financially. We have been "poor" too long - in the sense that we have worked without the proper tools, the proper material footing to do ourselves justice. If Margaret can be left alone for a year I believe she will establish a new sort of independence that will be worth far more than a certain number of dollars to her: Edward can do the same in a short time after graduation if he can find himself in reasonably favorable surroundings.

All this, it would seem, cold-bloddedly disregards the youngest of the brood, Mary. Knowing that I may be open to misinterpretaion, I still must say that I believe that Mary should stop college until conditions are easier. I do not believe that you and mother should deplete your resources at this time; I do not believe Margaret can help Mary or the family as a whole as much by sending money to Minnesota now as she can by spending her money for her own protection and advancement and independence; and I think Edward's best service to himself and his parents and brother and sisters is to get himself fixed firmly on his own feet as promptly as may be.

If, a year* from now, I can send Mary $25 a month, which I am confid nt I can do then during her college terms, and Margaret is on her feet and can spare a few dollars a month, and Howard and Zaidee can be counted on for certain additions, won't Mary find herself able to return to college more contentedly, more independently, with more satisfaction and less of the "poor" feeling, than she has today? In the meantime, can't she, without demeaning or ~~xxxxxxxx~~ belittling or hardening herself, support herself by teaching or in some other way, and be able to return to college, when she does, with new clothes etc., etc?

I am writing somewhat crudely I guess - partly because I am forced to write a little in haste - but I hope that I won't be misunderstood.

Can you let me know what Mary's expenses for the balance of this school year will be? By an early mail, if you can.

With much love

Father

* Feb. 1935 or Sept. 1935

THE ASSOCIATION OF ICE CREAM SUPPLY MEN

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150 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK

~~Tues~~ Wednesday — Aug. 4th

Dear Mother:

No, I have not been to Georgia although I have been on the point of leaving two or three times. Evelyn is worse than before. My last word now was written Saturday. She is worse than at any time last summer. She is having some special treatments, and the next week will bring a turn of events on the contrary — ~~If~~ On contrary I may have to check everything for a while and go down there to stay. She is in such an uncertain condition that it is hard to know how scared to be. I am in readiness to leave at any message that comes, but have not gone down simply to stay a day or two and then have to come back, without doing any good or finding out more than I can learn by letter.

The Co. thing is still holding fire. I have had word that I can count on getting something — whether it is going to be something worth while remains to be seen. They have just got their offices opened, but haven't got very much organized yet.

Sam ashamed at not having written, but — will try to keep after. I will not be away until I have had some definitely encouraging news from Georgia. That can't be by Sunday. Will write more later —

Hockey — with love to all them

Bob

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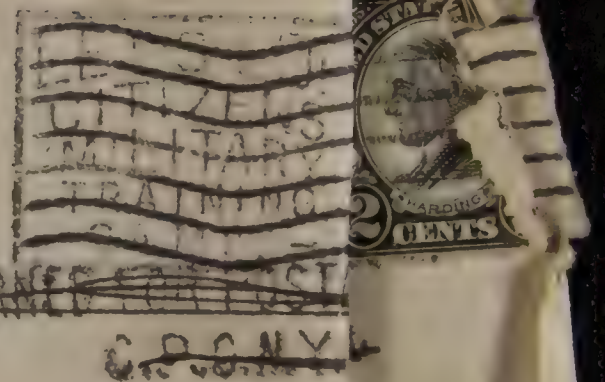

Mrs. I. E. Everett —
Cannon Falls
Minn.

Briscoe House.
& Norte Parade
Llandudno.
26th Dec 23.

Dear Cousin

You will be surprised to hear from me but through sending to an address of a relative of mine who I think is your ~~sister~~ Cousin Miss Clara Everett living at 604 West Colvin St. Syracuse. She kindly gave

me your address.

I am very interested in my family
I have often heard of Mr Everetts
when a boy. and from what I
know left Standrod some
forty years ago. Have photo
of Revd Robert Everett then
living at Ranson. I was
born at Gronant in Flintshire.
My father died there - and my
Mother Sarah Parry came to
live at Standrod and remarried

I shall be very glad to hear from you and if you can give me any information regarding my family I should be thankful.

Yrs Very Sincerely
Thomas Parry.

P.S.
My Grandmother's name was Ann Hughes living at Llanuwchllyn

Britton House,
Llandudno.
N. Wales

July 29th/25.

Dear Relatives,

I received your very kind letter and I was most pleased to hear from you once more. I only wished my dear father was alive to tell him all the news. He always spoke of the Everetts in America well. I have been trying to get to know

how we are related. On looking thro
ops I came across an old photo
very old I should say. Left to my
Great Grandmother. Her name was
Anne Hughes. My fathers mothers'
name was Sarah Hughes. They
came from Grosmont Sir. Flint-
I heard my father talk of Thos Everett
and wondered whether he was alive
the Jane Parry mentioned in
your letter was the mother of
Robert Everett. She must have
married an Everett. Your Grandfather
My father told me his Grandmother
Anne Hughes Kept the P. Office
at Grosmont. I could not give you
any dates as I am not old enough
to remember very far back-
I should be most pleased to receive
a copy of the book you mention
It would interest me very
much. I will try & trace some

thing further.
I must all your family
Resp well. We are in
the midst of our busy
season now.

Yours. Very Sincerely
Mary Elizabeth Parry

PS Would you mind
sending me the photo
back sometime when you
have done with it;

Ann Hughes from
Tennant Mrs Ray
father & Grandmother &
to the Everetts family
Come on my Grandmothers
side, I heard my father
say some of the Everetts
came to Leander on
a holiday before they went
to America. It would
be about forty years
ago. My father then

lived in Hostyn St.
They Kept a public House
it seems, though my father
I am glad to say was a
Strict tee totaller.
I am sending the Photograph
I found amongst some
things my father had
but it shows clearly
you are a very close
Relation to me -
My Grand mother died
32 yrs ago. I don't

Remember her, but I heard
people say she was a
very smart lady. I have
a photo of her when she
was young - and from
that I can tell she must
have been so -

With kind regards
Yours Sincere
Cousin
Mary Eliz^th Parry.

Britton House
North Parade
Llandudno
N. Wales

June 20th/25

Dear Relatives in America

It is with the deepest regret I have to tell you of my fathers' death which took place at the end of February I meant to write before, but it came to us so suddenly in the end, though he had a long illness of nervous breakdown - and gradually got worse in two years - He was just 60 yrs old

when he died. He was a
good steady man. Did his
best for Everybody. He
was well spoken of all
over the towne. He was always
very interested in his family
relations in America & often
spoke of them. We have a
photograph on the wall here
of the Rev. Robert Everett
He told us many a time
of his mothers' family.
We are a family of five
Children, four girls one
boy - He is married aged
26 yrs old.

I am the Eldest age 31 yrs.
and am at home with
my Mother as she keeps a
boarding house on the
Road where my parents
have lived all their lives
My father was a Master
painter kept a good
business & for our well
in life we feel the loss
very great as we have
lost a good father.
but have the great Consolation
that he is on this earth
of pain & sorrow.

I am glad to say we are
having a good Summer
Season so far. The
weather being the hottest
Experienced for some Years
We all unite Sending our
kindest Regards to You
although we have never
seen anyone from our American
but one knows Knows
whether we shall some day.

I Remain
Yours Sincerely
Mary Elizabeth Parry

Chicago Ill May 13th 1907
22 Center Avenue

Dear Cousin

It seems a long long time since I heard from you (though I think you wrote last) but I often find myself wishing to know how you and yours are, both temporally and spiritually. My head is very contrary and objects to my writing or reading, or you would have heard from me before. I cannot find your last letter but I think you were just in the midst of moving the family to Chapman with the prospect of another move to the Parsonage in April so I imagine you and your good wife have not had a very desirable time so far as home is concerned. I trust however that God's presence has comforted you and that your efforts among the people have not

been without Her blessing. I fear however that you have had hard times financially for with a small salary extra expenses of moving &c of are not easily met. Enclosed you will find a P.O. order for ten dollars which may help a little. I hope you have all kept well I am glad your Aunt Mary is so comfortable I shall be 76 on the 7th of June so she must be about one year older than I. Time is fast bringing us to the close of our earthly life but it matters not if we have a home in Our Fathers many mansions In looking back however I do greatly regret that all my life has not been wholly submitted to Gods will so that my will had been lost in His. How much more my life then would mean in eternity,

"The mistakes of my life have been many
The sins of my heart have been more
And I scarce can see for weeping
But I'll kneel at the open door."

I think I will send you a few numbers of the Christian & Missionary Alliance. I like Mr Simpsons writings and perhaps you will enjoy them too. We have had Gypsy Smith here and I think he was a great blessing especially to many of our ministers. Our minister Mr Bartlett often speaks of his obligations to Gypsy Smith. I heard him only 2 or 3 times — the crowds were too much for me. I am glad we are not dependent upon any man but can go with our needs directly to God who is able and willing to give to us His wisdom — Of Him are ye in Christ Jesus who of God is made unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification & redemption I thank God for such men as Gypsy Smith but I believe God wants to use His children more, and would if we were more humble — more self emptied. It is not our greatness nor our wisdom that He wants but our nothingness so He can fill us with the Holy Spirit — Then our lips & lives will glorify God — Perhaps

I have written so long letters for years — I ought be able to do something. Grace must soon be to you wife of children. If I was only near to help them with their loads but I do not seem good for much

Affly Your cousin
W. A. Peebles

It is easier to talk of these things than it is to really get in right relations to God. Most Christians have disjointed lives but we thank God that he is our keeper and He will bring us into port but it is sad to go in with shattered sails and broken masts when under our great commander we might have come with flying colors shouting Victory

Many God

Physically I am not strong but able sometimes to get down town. I have not been to Jefferson since last June because I have not felt able. Mary Farnsworth has a little girl born last June. I saw it when a week old. The other little girl had scarlet fever & some trouble with her spine but they think she is improving. Lewis (Clarks second son) married a widow Lady a few weeks since and now live in the old house — I hope to go there before long. I do not hear from the N G cousins When you write give them my love

Dear Cousins

I have thought of you if I have not written and I intended to write but circumstances crowded out my intentions. I hope you will pardon me. I owe cousin Mary Everett a letter also but with my upset head writing is difficult. I wonder how you all are and the children and is cousin Hoban better? I hope so. Probably you know that I am trying to sell my Jefferson property and thought it is in the hands of an agent It gives me considerable trouble. Of course there is much competion. The property has been subdivided and I have to sell on time with partial payments. This is not

pleasant work for my old head and I shall be glad to be through with it but payments will necessarily cover several years. Enclosed in this you will find a check for eight dollars which I trust will help on some of the rotten bills.

I hope you are having pleasanter weather now, and that you may be benefitted by it. Budding trees and peas four or five inches above ground, tells of spring here. I do not get out much for I am not strong, but have escaped pneumonia, so far.

I have another letter to write so must curtail this. Much love to both of you and all of yours, from cousin

M A Roberts

5307 – W Leland Ave

Chicago Ill

May 9th 1911

270 West St. N. Hillsdale Mich

Jan 9 1922

My dear Cousin,

Your letter was very welcome, coming just before Christmas. I had heard nothing about or from you for a long time. Hattie used occasionally to send me one of your letters. She was very good to keep in touch with so many of our relatives. I do miss her in so many ways, her letters her visits and kindly interest in us all. I am so late in answering your letter that doubtless John and Holden have written you most of the news of our relatives but I will run the risk of repeating a little, as you can skip it over very

quickly if you have already heard it out. I have heard quite often from John Cately. He and Clarence seem to be in usual health and Clarence has a position in Cleveland in a loan and Trust Co. and is also studying law. Alzia had a fall last summer breaking her leg which laid her up for some time, but she has recovered and gets along quite well. Soon after she recovered her sister Mrs. Harmon with whom they live in Clarence Ohio. was stricken with paralysis and though she has improved, is not yet able to use her feet and may never be again as she is advanced in years. John and Alzia and Clarence all made us a little visit last June. They were in an auto trip and went as far as Ludington Mich. It was a great treat to us. They also visited Elaine at Bryan Ohio. Elaine and Chauncey have three children, Elizabeth the

years old. Lee eight and Arthur four. The two older are in school in Bryan. We see them quite often in the summer as they have an auto and drive over about thirty five miles. Claire and Elizabeth came by train for twenty four hours Christmas week. Chauncey is Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Bryan. Anna is still teaching and has been teaching ever since she graduated from College. She has not been to Ann Arbor but spent two weeks one summer vacation in the Normal school at Ypsilanti. She has been teaching in the High School at Coldwater now for nearly three years. She teaches History and Algebra and before that taught Latin. It is a great comfort to me that she can spend nearly every week end at home coming Friday night and leaving Sunday night on the train.

I had a letter from Bolton at Christmas time and he wrote very encouraging news of Elizabeth. She is still in the hospital but they hope she can soon go to her home in ~~Tutor~~ Knoxville Penn. We received a Christmas card from Elizabeth directed in her own hand and inscribed "with love from Elizabeth" Her two little girls Elizabeth and Margaret are with their father and their mother at their home. Bolton seems to be craving of travelling and wrote of his work keeping him busy. I was glad to hear about your own family. I remember Howard and Spider and also Lou Roberts at Oberlin when we were visiting John there. Your children are quite widely scattered and each

a variety of occupations and your correspondence with them must be very interesting. And the return of the two youngest at vacations is great treat. I believe our old record that little is their meeting at Hindsdale where Margaret must have begun teaching at about the same age that I was and Anna Ida I remember the first time you visited us. The journey on the mail boat Stockton was delightful as a whole but I suppose you are not at all interested in it now. I was a year ago and in fact was all I knew. Soon, for I am an "old timer" now having passed my seventieth birthday, though perhaps I ought not to mention it, belonging to the gentler sex which is supposed to be sensitive regarding age. But so it is and perhaps rightly

does not seem much older now than
recently did when I was in much
life. I am glad to notice new accounts
of veterans of 80, 90, or over 105;
so you see I am still enjoying life
though limited somewhat as to the
things I can do. I have wondered
about your ~~father~~ uncle Eddie and mine too
and if he is still
alive. I remember the picture you had
of him in a wheeled chair. I hope
you will write us sometimes and
do keep in mind the Everett
branch of the family. With kindest
regards to yourself and family

Affectionately your cousin

Lizzie L. Sands

My dear Cousin -

I was indeed pleased to be so kindly remembered by you at the Holiday season by the complimentary copy of your beautiful book of verses. I have looked it all through and am now more leisurely reading it as it comes. I find the New Year poem a copy of which you had sent me some years ago and am especially interested in the family poems, if you know what I mean by that. I shall prize my copy highly and thank you many times for it.

I had thought the Christmas and New Year pleasures all over but this came to prolong the joy. I wonder if you keep track of us all, through the years since I have seen you. Clare's 18 months old daughter Elizabeth made our Christmas very merry, by her delight over the tree and her toys as they came to her. Anna came home for her vacation and we went to Bryan to visit Clare and her family for two days. Last Summer while visiting John at Oberlin we were so fortunate as to meet your Roberts, who was there for a few hours on his way to

New York city, and were glad to renew the acquaintance though we would never have recognized him as the little boy we had seen at Hillsdale. He remembered us however He had not improved so much in the interval of 7 years as he had. Hoping that you and your family are well and happy and wishing for you many Happy New Years

Your Cousin Lizzie & Lady

Hillsdale, Mich
270 West- St. N.
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Sacramento Jany 29th

Mr John Edw Everett

Dear Sir Your letter of Jany 19th at hand

Re. Formation of the Sacramento Valley is alluvium of the Tertiary period. but to go into an elaborate detailed discription of the geological History of this Country is out of my line if you will explain the motive of your enquiry. I may be able to furnish a man competant to. give the information We are all well Father's health is good and he sends his respects. and good will to all of you We have had abundance of Rain which

insures good crop."
Cousin T. H. Roberts is
still in my Employ in
the Steamboat Business
over three years and has
become americanized enough
by this time to think there
are some better places in
the World than Wales.

-- I remain Truly
Your Cousin
J. H. Roberts
165 Front St.
Sacramento.

Remsen Apr. 26. 1883

Dear Cousins

Your kind letter received we were very glad to get it as it contained so many items of interest to us all. Did you feel the effects of the Cyclone last monday?
Jno G Jenkins Bangor only owes us $1.40 but according to uncle Eddies acct he owes them some twelve or thirteen dollars and Mr. Wheldon says that he sent it to father and our book agrees with Mr. Wheldons acct and it is marked as sent to the Aunties so I think it must be their mistake not ours as uncle Eddie says. I meant to have the list suffice, as I have

sent bills four times to each one. if it should be necessary to have bills for certain persons you can make them out and we will pay for paper &c when you come home. We do not intend to send them out again but will try to put them in some lawyers hands to collect.

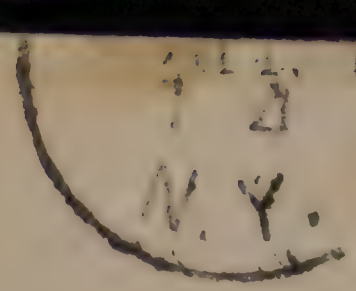
Mr. David Davies (the man that was here so many years) was buried today he has been poorly a long time and has not worked on the benhador since last fall but was sick abed only a little over a week. I saw little Frankie at the funeral she said her mother had been sick for over a week and was some better now, she sat up a little while this morning.

The season is very different here from what it is there I should

judge it is very cold and nothing but the pussy willows have budded Clara Frank and I went to Robbins last Tuesday they are first rate but have to work very hard so they say. Nain Clara and I talk of going to Turin Saturday so mother will be all alone. Mr. Nolton is to be in Remsen the coming year. Miss Thomas is to teach our school this summer. Rev. E.R. Hughes is to be here another year I believe I have been trying to imagine what a field of 1200 acres looks like but cannot it is beyond my comprehension. I wish I could see your home and surroundings though you have made it some plainer to me. There is a law passed that soon (I do not know just when) the Black River R.R. shall only charge two cents a mile. I wish it was

so now for it would save us a little when we go north. I will have to close as it is getting late and I will have to go to the village post to take this. Your letters are very acceptable indeed if you write again please direct - to Constable-ville. Love to your father as well as yourself from your Cousin Maggie

P.S. I do not know but Clara would write too, but she is not feeling very well and is lying down. Mother sends love to both

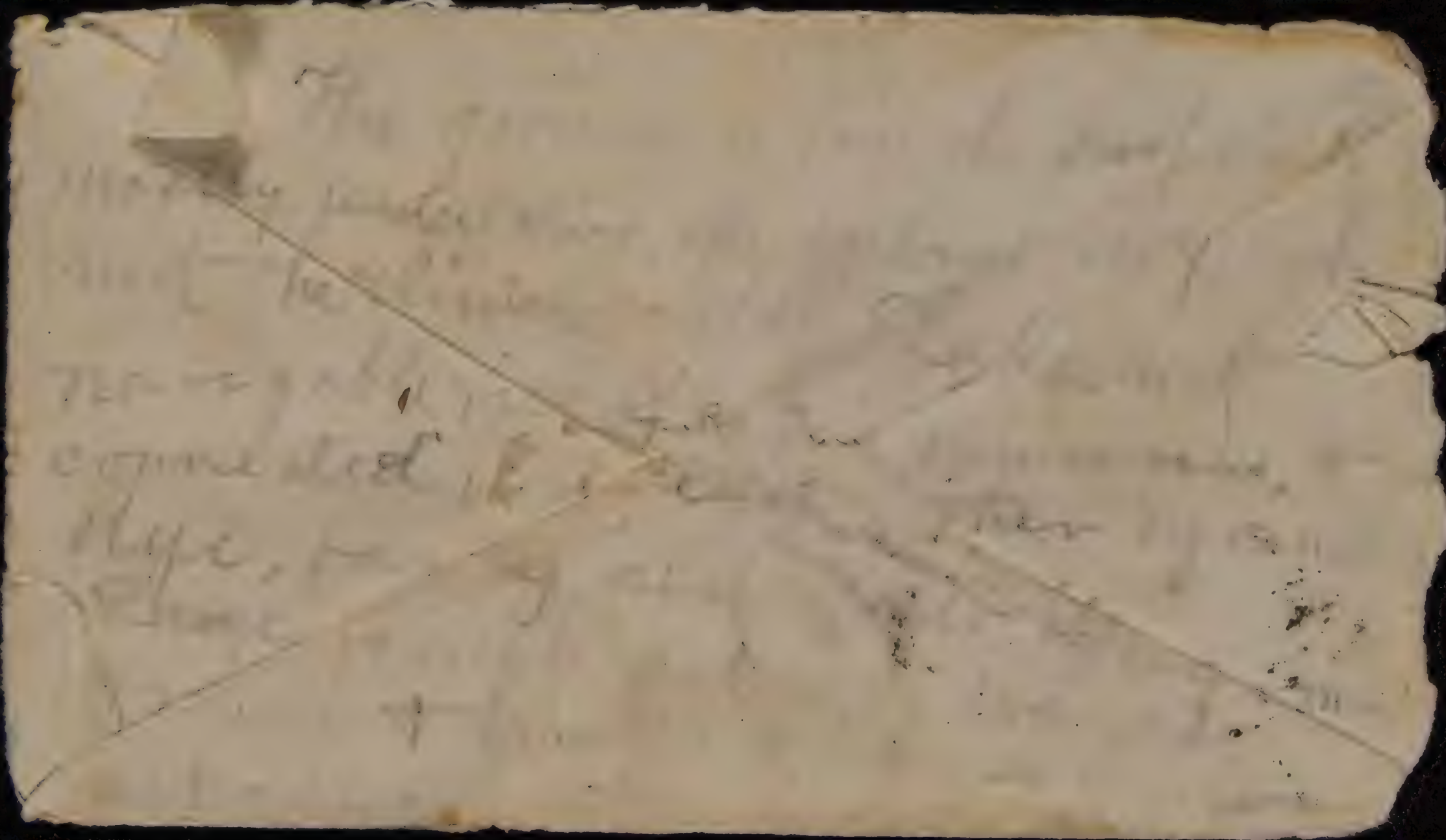


Jno Edward Everett

Osawatomie

Miami Co.

Kansas



Remsen Apr. 11. 1883

Dear Cousin

When the other letter was mailed I forgot to put the note in so I hasten to send it. You ask in your letter what Bristol intends to do I do not know but Jno. Bill L. says he will put up a Saloon on the border of Remsen and keep it open there but I hope he will not succeed in getting a place to build. We intend to put up a new back kitchen and shed this summer so Clara will stay at home to help mother. with

love from Maggie

over

P. S. If you should stop in Chicago there is a Mrs Davies that receives her benefactor in care E M. Hughes 102 South Halsted St. that owes $8.40 we would be glad to get that if possible.

Penrhyn
North Wales.
G. B.

I meant to have
written before this, but
have been very much occupied
with various matters - all my old friends
have been calling to see me, and I have
held receptions every day. I think I
am continuing [illegible] but I feel the change
of climate. I have Shaw fire in my
parlour every day — I did not enjoy
the voyage. It was cold, misty & rainy
almost all the way. & I did not feel at
all well - I had a comfortable State Room
but did not care for my Room mate a prate
Jewish clothes woman - I would rather "like" an
American much better, she gave me the "blues"
whenever I was with her -. well! I am very comfortable
situated here with the kindest people - I hope all
at Rensen are well. Please give my kindest love to
[illegible] Emily write to Dr Mears soon.

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[illegible] Esq

Dear Sir

Yours at hand.

Contents noted.

Should like it would be well
to take the Scholarship offered through
Mr Avery. accd if you conclude to do so
you may call on us for the amount.

I would suggest if you make the
arrangement have it on paper and
also have the privilege of taking the
scholarship at the same rate if the class
is not filled.

Yours truly

A B Roberts

Constableville Sunday
April 4, 1886

Dear Cousin;

I am writing this in haste just before going to church to invite you all here to spend next ... both and perhaps preach to us on that day. It is Conference Sunday as you know and Dr. Hall will be ... and we think it will be very acceptable to have the pulpit filled. Judson will start to ... Tuesday or had not thought ... seeing your vacation ... till yesterday. The roads are not good here as yet. There seems to ... not we have been ... for the last week, ... to

and let us know if you can come also on what day and what train as Judson will meet you at Lyons Falls. The men are very busy in the Salt business now as they have had a very good run for the past week I think they are glad to have Sunday come so they can rest. I wish the Ladies might come to but I fear the ride would be too rough from the Falls perhaps they can come later Let us hear from you soon give our love to the Ladies and receive a good share for yourself from Maggie Hay

Tuesday 9. 1858

Dear Brother

[illegible] to see him while [illegible] you at the same time I dont know whether you consider it use of your own Medicine or not [illegible] this morning I heard she is going to be [illegible] I hope she will [illegible] about you, I [illegible] I send all the news I [illegible]

could think of, for fear they would be disappointed some day, for sighted again, I note.

I am afraid it will be a match between Miss [illegible] she says she thinks he is awfull cute & that he is out of her handsome when he was [illegible] what do you think of that. I think I will go home on Wednesday if it does not rain & [illegible] she has been very well this last few days & I [illegible] as the rain would come the will continue to improve in health, it is nine o'clock & I have already written a long

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Mrs. P. E. Ewell

Clinton

N. Y.

Dear Nephew: We are looking for a word from you. Will Dr & wife [illegible] a letter tomorrow? We all remained at the Meeting all day. Cousin Mary was with us. She returned that night. We have been gathering beans today. We are writing to Kansas & Anna is putting in a couple of pansies. Wish we could put some in or on this. All about as well as usual. We found that you had left your rubbers. You will probably have to get some more unless this delightful weather lasts. Let us know how you are getting along. We long to know the particulars of all from you. In love, Uncle Jo[illegible]

Wednesday Feb. 21, 1885.

Jennie wrote you this morning - with a few words from me, - enclosing the check for $113. I hope you will receive it - all right - tomorrow. Do not fail to let us hear from you after you receive it: Suppose you will have to go to Utica to have it cashed. We would like to have you send us checks for a part of the amount: If you should pay $20. for your board, and $40. for the scholarship - would $15. more be sufficient - for your present needs? I do not quite understand from your letter how much you are in debt - have you paid your term tax, or a part of it? We would like

to know just how you stand. If you find you cannot meet your expenses with the $5. mare, leaving $33 to be sent home. We are needing the money now, as there are several bills that must be paid soon. Jennie needs a new dress and cloak for winter, and I would like to have her use what she received from Kansas for herself. Jennie is much better — as you will judge from her letter. We had a letter from brother Edward two days ago, written Oct. 14th. I think I must send it for you to read, but shall want to have it returned as we have not fully digested

all its contents. Also we would like to have you return your father's letter which we sent this A. M. In another letter he said that Nate asked Robbie one day if he would like to go back to Smyrna to play with the Barnish - He said "No, I want to go to Aunt Anna's - I want to go where John Eddie lives". So you see, he has not quite forgotten us. Have you written to any of them, as for your father since you went back to school? Last Saturday, we went with the horse to S. Griffith's - Caroline went with us - had a nice time, but did not see Franklin, we were quite disappointed She had gone with Wheldon's wife and two children & spend the day at their mother's (Mrs. Merrick's). I took my painting materials with

me, and Louise showed me some=
thing about how to use them. I have
not practiced much yet — but have
been painting a little this evening. I see
I have taken a sheet with some of
your writing on. Please excuse it—
it was not intentional. Did you know
that David Griffith is in Chicago? he is
with Johnnie Jones I believe. His mother
is much pleased that he is so much nearer
home. Clara Everett teaches our
school — she was sick nearly all last
week, and unable to teach — we have
not heard from her since Sunday — she
seemed to be quite feeble — Dr. Wiggins
called it a bilious attack. Louise
was talking of taking ~~the~~ Sixty school
but had not hired. Maggie has not
been home. she was expecting to move
soon — to a house near ~~that~~ where they
now are — the next farm I believe.
Caroline's sister, Mrs. Jones, Charlotte St.—
has had a light stroke of paralysis

Tuesday Feb. 4. 1886.

My dear Nettie,

The books came all right last night. We began to read that of C. W. H. last night and mean to have over it. Think we shall like it. Shall read it aloud. Perhaps you had better not send any more just at present as we are looking out for some farm papers and seeds to select for next year. At least wait till we return these and then we can tell better. Your good long letter did us lots of good. Write often and freely. We are having severe cold again and yesterday there was a sharp cold wind all day. We have not yet got the stove from the village. Mary has spoken to John Williams and he will bring it.

Anna got through yesterday without taking cold. Mary thinks

be best as we could make more improvements and would of have to hire nothing more. Then the board would be the same in either case. How does the hay crop are low this season. I do not feel to venture beyond our depth, but this might not be. Jennie seems inclined that way. We must not have so much business on hand that Anna cannot have all the rides that she would. The first remark that the horse is hers! and getting well is the first business of the day. I mean to write to Hon. N. Smith of N. Y. to ask him if it would be feasible for us to send our hay to the New York Market instead of course. He is in the hay business. You might write to him. Perhaps that would be better. His address is 306 W. 30th St. N. Y. You remember him do you not, an Elder in our church. Would the freight eat up all the profits before it gets there? Here was 25° below zero this morning. Jennie has just discovered that some of the apples froze in the last night. It is less windy today and the sun is already melting the frost from the [illegible] windows. The hope you will succeed there with your critical essays. It is not an easy thing to mold

She is some better – and if we only keep cheery she will gain faster. I was very well yesterday but did not sleep warm last night and so do not see through our future so clearly – Mr. Prichard had frost in his cellar last night – some of his potatoes froze – I carried hot coals down and I think ours are all right – Water froze – there in the tubs quite hard –

There was a fire Tuesday night as you may have seen by the papers – There were an old couple living by themselves who the Yankees used to tease in one of those two old houses on the way to Trenton – and – they were burned to death – no one knows anything about how the fire originated only some men in driving past in the morning discovered the terrible catastrophy – It was far from any neighbors, –

Your bright cheerful letter about how we did Jennie ever so much good and gave her a good night's sleep and a good day for work yesterday, and no sore throat! It is having a brief man all the time I am not sure to fit under

Hope Robbie Hughes and you will have a good visit together. Remember us kindly to him. Do you succeed in keeping warm during this cold snap? We are glad that you have written to your Father. Remember him often now. I fear he is feeling from the severe cold in January.

This is not quite so cheery a letter as it ought to be in view of our many mercies. What followed the day of prayer for colleges? Is there any special interest in your college? Do you attend the meetings of the Y. M. C. A. and are they generally attended? Do not let us let the higher interests take the last and lowest place in our thoughts. If we only can be useful in God's vineyard, we shall be kept by him. Perhaps I can write again to-morrow more satisfactorily. Yours with love from all your aunties.

1888

Dr Williams came home last night to
Spend the Sabbath
Dear Pa I am glad to
be able to tell the folks now
I will be glad to hear
from Salt Lake Saints to
give to
Brother Edgley
Don't fail
give my
cannot
let this day go by without
sending you a few lines
to say how glad and
thankful I am that
you are in the Seminary
It was such a glad
surprise for which I
immediately thanked
the Father - for surely
the Holy Spirit must have

Dear Pa I am glad to be able to tell the folks now I will be glad to hear from Salt Lake Saints to give to Brother Edgley Don't fail to give my cannot let this day go by without sending you a few lines to say how glad and thankful I am that you are in the Seminary It was such a glad surprise for which I immediately thanked the Father - for surely the Holy Spirit must have

Dr Williams came home last night to Spend the Sabbath

"Christian"

and keep on doing what He gave you to do. The trouble is we are so afraid to take one foot into the Jordan. Though He tells us to "go forward" and He will open the way. I have thought of you so much in studying the S.S. lessons the last few weeks I feel now that you are in the "promised land", you have battles to fight, enemies to conquer: there may be seven years of war - but you will come out victor if you will do as the Lord hath commanded" May you have the aid of the Holy Spirit in the duties of each day —

Clara Everitt was here just a few days ago - was in Utica with her mother to see the grand parade after Election, and she came up with Mrs Simpsons. She reported Anna as well as usual. had been at their home the day before - By the way Ada is teaching in Whitestown, sixty little tots. I am fearful she will fail in discipline - I was in to see her Friday - the poor child was just tried out after her first week. It will be a good place for her if she can only keep it

had something to do in
influencing you to make
the effort! When you
have the time I shall
be glad to have you
write me all about it.
Ever since I got your
last letter before this
I have had the feeling
that you ought to have
pushed your way through
even though obstacles were
mountain high in your
sight. There was One that
could level them if you
would trust Him alone

I am to lead our prayer meeting next Sunday night. The Holy Spirit, the topic, has suggested it. I have asked you since I did it a little prayer for it. The deacons do not forget you at the throne of Grace - daily your name is carried there. I long to hear how you are. Jessie is anxious to have you write. God keep you all

My dear Edelia

I am wondering how it is with the boy these days. I have looked a little for you the last day or two thinking you might come home to vote. The contest is over at last and now we wait the result. Our men folks have gone to Utica to get the returns. I wanted to go too. but prudence whispered "better not" The house seems unusualy quiet, for some reason

I hope the boys are Little Falls. Two of a kind. It is nothing of a farm - to - day though & I have had this neck bad two days. Keep this neck 12 but the weather is fair & pleasant

Must of the time - Yours Lovingly

Well I did'nt intend to fill my letter with election for I presume you have seen enough of the Campaign excitement and if I remember you are not much of a Politician. Still I thought you might want to vote this year. and I understood passes were issued in N. Y. City over the Central Road - Mr Simpsons Son came home from Baltimore - he is in a Medical College dentistry is to be his profession - He married a year ago (a foolish thing to do) and has two winters more in College before he can set up's business for himself in this State

Your lovely long letter was read with a great deal of interest. Thank you for giving me so nice a description of your home and surroundings. the picture is a fine one and I am truly thankful that you are so blest. Surely you must feel that Providence favored you with a good home. even though you had not the courage to "go forward" When I read in your letter of the call on Mrs Jones. I felt as though perhaps you had not done right in changing your plans till you had called on her after what she had once said to you. Maybe that was the door. the way by which you were to be helped. I trust it will remain open and another year will find you better prepared

Have you taken up any Sunday work yet - our S.S. lessons are so interesting. I have hoped you are teaching. perhaps you sit in to Miss Shaffer on a Saturday - I believe he has charge of a teachers meeting on that day -

Adie has gone to Whitestone to spend the winter at Mills, She went before the Commissioners for examination last Saturday has not learned the result yet - She has some prospect of a situation in the Primary department of the Whitestone school

My sister has moved nearer to us in a very comfortable house. so they are quite cosy now. we can call to each other from our front doors - it is so near, across the way —

I had a nice letter from Anna last week but I suppose you hear often - I hope she will be down soon though I expect she dreads to make the change -

and all out doors is quiet with the exception of the rain pattering softly on the roof.

Thursday afternoon. Shall I be pardoned for continuing my letter on this sheet commenced two days ago. and suddenly interrupted by a caller who remained till I was too sleepy to proceed, or again take up my pen. What a night that was. There wasn't much sleep even after I went to bed, for Robert came home at two o'clock flushed with good news. Then Frank came at four, just pretty wide awakening us all up. Hurraing for Harrison! I had told him when he went away that if Harrison was elected he might wake us all up, but if it was Cleveland to creep to bed as quiet as possible. Our only regret is that we haven't Millie too but, as some one has said, we must be grateful —

I am so glad even yesterday morning, by meeting night Sunday night. The

Dec 7th 1891

Dear Cousin

Your letter after going
to every corner of Hinsdale and
all its suburbs has finally reached
me and I am glad to learn
that the Misses Perrin Hathaway
& Co are safely down in the fashion-
able heart of fashionable Hinsdale
(Perhaps you had forgotten
the new number and thought
that the old address would
surely find them.) I am
sorry I have not been more
prompt in my replies for your friendly
& helpful letters of last autumn
The fact is, I am perhaps (and
there is no doubt of it) more
than usually busy for this
season of the year, & my
second semester before
Christmas is always a busy one - 4th

Before I proceed to talk to
you I say that I am truly sorry
that you are leaving the building
for my that the Christian church
must be such as you because
of her dogmas. Do you not see
light in the near future of the
Church? Do she not soon to
break and cast off forever
her cast-iron [illegible]
to [illegible] that you are
the Church but that she
will [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
the other. However, do not credit
me with the [illegible] that
I may tell you what you ought
or ought not to do. I am
real and I am confident
that you have given the subject
earnest consideration
about the only way for teachers to
find position is a change in
[illegible] some teachers object.
I clip from this morning's [illegible]
some "addresses of H. S. agencies
The one marked is conducted [illegible]

Before I proceed to talk to
you say that I am truly sorry
that you are leaving the ministry
for what the Christian Church
need less such as you because
of her dogmas. Is you not see
light in the near future of the
Church! Do not soon it
break and cast off forever
her cast iron [illegible]
in the [illegible]
the Church but that of the
the school and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
the other. However, do not credit
me with the [illegible] that
I may tell you what you ought
or ought not to do, [illegible]
[illegible] and I am confident
that you have given the subject
[illegible] consideration. Since
Among the [illegible] for [illegible]
[illegible] problems now a days is
[illegible] some [illegible]
I clip from this morning's [illegible]
[illegible] addresses of H. [illegible]
The one marked is considered the most

The arrangement is a good one for us financially and I desire to remain the whole year unless some thing dreadful happens. Sometimes Mr Williams and I agree in thinking that life is too short to spend so much of it with Miss M— but as the afflicts us, we usually we have decided to live above her. New York as a whole is delightful — Sundays are fine days and all too short. Will write you again and at greater length. Why calls our last an- for have already united to sing for an encore

With love

Your Cousin

Josephine.

2d Lt. A.A.M.

Aberdeen Md.

May 24th 18

My Dear Uncle Eddie

I wish

could not refuse to write
to me, for that reason
I am interested in you at all.
But you have doubtless long
since despised of your kindness
when you thought of this task.
Still procrastination would have
gone on, so I will release you
from it by telling you that none
of my things are of the slightest
material interest to you. I will
not trouble you with them. I
select one tale and that one
you suggested for this occa-

It was a good thing that you wished me to record my good deeds before the bad for were the good might be chronicled, the bad would be so long they that I would shrink from the account and you from the recital. You of course know that Aunt Hattie and Ena have been here the past week, and you can probably imagine how much we, the recipients of the visit at least, have enjoyed it. We did nothing but walk and talk, but now that they have been gone but a few hours the house seems almost desolate. Aunt Hattie invited me to visit them at the time of the Normal Commencement. Of course I am delighted and I shall be still more so if I

can accept. I am anticipating a very pleasant time at home with commencement. There will be a reception and several entertainments that I shall want to attend besides Class Day. Will Carleton will deliver the commencement oration here. I have never even seen him and so expect a treat.

I have tasted up the recipe of Macaroni pie which you spoke of. Some of them took quite attractive and I want to read them the receipt.

I took an overdose of Emerson a little while ago and have been reading the stories in old volume of the Century as an antidote. Some of them are very entertaining and I think my mind will come back to its normal condition. I have

also just received Feature "A Mental Deficiency" which promises well. I never like to read much in one of the boys at a time, but like a little now in a while. I am quite savage this afternoon, having suffered with a headache since last night, so you must not wonder at any peculiar things I have said or at the natural interest of the letter.

I shall be very much pleased to have you write to me at any time you feel that you are able.

Affectionately

Your Cousin

Claire Sands

Osawatomie Oct 13, 1902

Dear Cousin.

I saw Probate-
Judge Wilson a few days
ago and he told me that
a lawyer from Missouri
had been to his office and
examined the probate record
of your fathers Estate. He
told Mr Wilson that he
was employed by parties
in the East. Mr Wilson
seemed to think that you
ought to make a report.
We hope to see you down
and hope that Cousin Ella
can come with you. We are
all well Your Cousin Effie.

The state of Kansas beats the world's
slickest
Of anything that has the name of slick.
She gets there when she says she will
The greatest
Of Of all the things well known for being
Jewels.
The crops she raises when she tries
are big.
I have many ~~hundred~~
crops quite truly reckoned by.
She holds her honor at as high a figure
That if her honor was n't worth a fig.

Corry. June 27, 1920

Dear Mr. Everett,

A year or so previous to my husband's death I was in Jamestown and called on an old friend, Mrs. Marquis Fuller, whose mother was the second wife of your uncle Mr. Isaac Colgrove. The latter lived for some time with us and died

at our home. Possibly you do not know that he lost all of his property and had no home and Dana brought him to our home. His wife went to her relatives and later, not long ago, died at Mrs. Fuller's home. All of her worldly possessions were left with Mrs. Fuller. Among these articles was an old bureau and several trinkets which had

from Uncle Isaac's. Mrs. Fuller insisted upon sending the things, that belonged to Uncle Isaac, to Dana, my husband. There was an old fashioned picture of a lady and gentleman in a little velvet case which Mrs. Fuller said Uncle Isaac prized highly and had told her it was a picture of his youngest sister and her husband. Cousin Edith

has looked at the picture and says it is yours mother and father. If you have not a similar picture and would like it, I will take great pleasure in sending it to you. It is a most attractive picture and so nicely set. I am looking over all our possessions and trying to discover of many things I do not need and would

rather look after myself than have others have to do later. Our son and his family will live in our home and I am about to move into my father's home, next door above, a smaller house which will be better for me to occupy on account of his effort to care for. While searching through our household I came

across this machine and
fell I ought to write you
at once. If you desire
it I will take pleasure
in mailing it to you
soon as I hear from you.
kindly pardon the
untidy appearance of
this note. I seem unfortunate
to night in spattering
ink over every thing I
touch. With kindest
regards to you and

yours I am most
sincerely your cousin
and friend

Mrs. J. F. Colgrove,
331 Euclid Ave.,
Corry,
Penna.

Congregational Parsonage
Holden A. Putnam
Minister

Ludington, Mich.,

June 29,1920.

My Dear Cousin Eddie:

For over a week I have been trying to find time and strength to write you. Perhaps I ought not to speak of the reason for delay in this manner when the real reason has been my own state of mind. It has been very hard to bring myself to do the things tha t were for me to do even though they were very important. Hattie entered life immortal one week ago last Sunday afternoon at five o'clock and the consequent sorrow in my own heart has stood in the way of all my normal life. I have neglected my best friends. I know I ought to have better control of myself,but is taking time for me to get the mastery.

We brought her home the first week in June reaching home the 3rd . It was quite an undertaking to make the journey,but we were prepared on the trip and the precious wife was greatly cheered to be in her own home again and surrounded by her old friends. For a few days the change seemed to help her,but it was only temporary. Reaction set in and it soon became evident that she could last only a very short time. Elizabeth and her family came home and their coming also helped for a few days,but nothing in this world could hold that sweet spirit in the body. She realized that she could remain only a short time and after the situation appeared to her in the true light she wanted to go as soon as possible. She was unconscious the most of the time for several days. The final passing was quiet and without a struggle.

I think that outside of the immediately family you knew her better than any of our other relatives. I shall never forget your association with us in our temporary home in New York. You know how brave and sweet and true her spirit was though her body was so frail. She accomplished a wonderful amount of work with very little physical strength. I do not know how I can get along without her. After a man lives in this world as long as I have he ought to be able to stand alone,but some way I feel my dependence upon that dear woman more and more as I try to face the duties and problems of life. I am thankful to have the dear daughter and her children who are with me at least for the summer. They are a great help. If Malcolm can in any way arrange his business so as to move back to Ludington,they will all be here permanently.

With love.

Holden

Mrs Fostle Mills
Aug-3-21

My dear Cousin

Your Letter so full of news of old friends, as well as your own family - followed me to my old home, which now belongs to Will Thomas and his family, which came in early June for a few weeks visit, not tracing Sam here in four years - and was glad to come once more to see the friends here and in Utica, & By the way the mail brought me your Letter just as we were starting for Utica to spend the day with Minnie Mills (our sister) being sure they would both be pleased to read so much of our old times - Minnie's husband returned

She is a teacher at the "Hope farm" in Fairbank N.Y.
a fine School under the auspices of the Episcopalians
of N.Y. city - a work she likes very much - Adah
and her mother have been here on a visit
since I came also Mary Smith - and several of
Hattie's friends - which has kept her busy - also going
about with me making calls + visits - We spent
one day in Clinton with a sister of Mrs Williams,
the same old Clinton not much change -
I expect to remain for the rest of the month.
Louisa has gone to Brooklyn for her summer
vacation - and for company to Josie while
Katherine with her nine months old daughter
go to her father's summer home near Asbury Park
for their vacation. Robert going for the week end,
Frank home with his mother, who is pretty well
but quite lame, as not apt to be left alone -
She is so happy in having all her children
with her now their father is gone - indeed
we are all happy to be together -
I am surprised to hear of Scott S. Williams
family as so long ago. by course I remember
little Susie + her sister Jane who married
the minister, and a strange coincidence
I cut from the "Utica Press" last week a
detailed account of his life + death which
I sent to Josie as she + their dear Pa
in his studies - and four years ago when
I was last here I met him + his wife in Pittsburgh
There was a little boy Rollo. That was Eddie Hughes
he was very fond of Pa + they went visiting
even strange that your son should
have met with that family. The world is

from "asepsis" in a serious
condition and is now in a hospital
in Fort Worth city for treatment,
I was indeed glad to hear so much
good of all your family, now grown,
but sorry, indeed grieved to learn
of Helen's accident - such an
unfortunate ending to a pleasant
start out for the day - The automobile
engine for driving and getting on
in quick time - But oh the accidents
that will come and of which I hear all
so many - one almost dreads to start
out - It is to be hoped Helen will never
with no serious setback -
Your children are certainly very
industrious putting in good time
during their vacation -
Will Powers daughter Dora is teaching
in the Summer School at "Normal
Hearne" where she has been teaching
for several years - I expect

not so large after all, I like to believe that we are to have all the Hereafter to meet with and renew all old associations; we are certainly living in strange troublesome times, and wonder what the outcome is to be. There is so much of misery & good too springing.

I am glad of your letter and all it contains will send it back for you to read as she too will enjoy it as we have. Bill & Hattie would be remembered to you. My love and sympathy to Helen - with the hope she can recover

I have written hurriedly as I
wish to get it out -

Yours with love

Cousin Jennie

J. A. Hughes -

Rev. J. E. Everett

Overbrook

Kansas

From
J. A. Hughes
U. S. Mills
U. S.
(Camp 143)

Turin N.Y. May 24

Dear cousin John Eddie.

I thought I would write to you. Carroll and I went a fishing last night but the creek was too high we did not catch only one fish. I study Spelling Geography, arithmetic, reading & writing. I spoke a piece called A Speciable. It is now bed time.

Your cousin
Charlie Everett.

Redmond, Wash.

Dear Folks:

Thank you very, very much for "Dere Mable". I have read it three times so you can see how much I like it. I am going to send it now again. I have only twenty-one more weeks and then I'll be out of High School.

Yes, but it will seem funny. I suppose Margaret is back at Washburn now, isn't she? When you see them give them my love.

By the papers I see that the weather in Kansas is even worse than in Michigan. Thank you again very much for my book. Love

Lottie

Tungcheo, Chihli, China,
October 14, 1919.

Dear Friends:-

According to my accounts, the last letter I wrote you was in February, so it is about time I gave an account of myself. I do not remember anything that happened between February and May, tho I suppose I must have been at the same old routine of studying the language and teaching English. In May I finished my second year of Miscs exams for the Ministry, which were in English, and which I had been dreading ever since I arrived in China. You know I do not like history. So I made up my mind that should be my summer's work. May was quite memorable because for the first time in my life I was a bridesmaid. The wedding was that of two of our American Board missionaries in Peking, Mr. Cross and Miss Penney, and we had a great time, with several people up from Tungchow and even one out from Tientsin. Before and after the wedding, of course, there were a number of other good times when the group of young people who have been together a great deal tried to see as much of each other as possible before a number of them went home to America.

With June came the closing of schools. The boarding school closed about thirteen days early because of scarlet fever and measles, both of which broke out on the same day. We isolated the cases and hoped to continue, but the rest of the girls kept imagining themselves ill and we had the doctor in and they were most of the time until we had no peace and decided that we might as well give up for good. When school was out and the girls had gone home it was about time to go to Ho Fo Sau to the Y.W.C.A. summer conference and I enjoyed it very much. There was a much larger number of foreigners present than the year before and more Chinese girls, in spite of the fact that people had that on account of the student uprising there would be a small attendance. I was recreation chairman. This is my second Y.W.C.A. summer conference. There was not a great deal made of patriotism as a theme, but we all felt that the girls had been affected by the student movement. They are more independent and ready to push ahead. I noticed it particularly in the matter of recreation. The year before we had to keep making them do things, and this year they wanted to do things themselves and even went ahead of our plans for them. Miss T'ao, who is studying in the Y.W.C.A. physical training school in Shanghai, had charge of calisthenics and I had charge of taking them on trips, arranging stunt day and such things. We had some very good times. On [illegible] the foreign leaders acted out a Chinese wrestling match with [illegible] of the Methodist Mission as teacher, and what fun it was! Another when we foreigners appeared in Chinese clothes with our hair in pigtails!

After the conference I went directly to Hsiaochi, where I spent six weeks, most of the time being housekeeper for the family. Through July there was a small family, only about one half of the time, at Grand Hotel, but the servants, more than to number, as it was not an easy job. Every day I studied down to Chinese history and at the end of June had the satisfaction of finishing it, with about ten days or two weeks left of vacation. Then I had also [illegible] all that time but [illegible] days left. I had planned to have a number of trips, but did not get outside of Hsiaochi. I did not take the time of the whole [illegible] to get a good start. The beginning of August there was a three days' meeting of the Shantung Christian Educational Association, which planned to strike terror into the hearts of the [illegible] by announcing that a [illegible] would be required. [illegible]

would-be-great, sheltered as they all seemed that they were going to do with Chinese education. As soon as that was over I came back to Tsaotsien. We had here a teachers' conference (institute) for twenty days, with about 130 Chinese teachers in attendance. This is the second year it has been held here, and everyone seems to think that this year was an improvement over previous years in a number of respects. The teachers who taught in the Institute were for the most part familiar, but it was my job to keep house for them. You know about how much I know about English people, anyway. I cannot remember having had a speaking acquaintance with one until I came out here, and it was also fun to try and make them happy in that rather damp cold weather, but they were all very delightful people and I continue to be glad I had the opportunity to get acquainted at such close range. I went to some of the meetings, but most of what I learned I learned outside in hearing the teachers talk. My time was very full getting ready for school to start, which it was to do as soon as the Institute was over, and altho I had been here a year in connection with this school I still knew very little about educational problems and I knew few Chinese equivalents for educational terms.

The first of September we opened the girls' boarding school. Of the four teachers three are new, one of them a teacher who has taught in one of our primary schools for some 20 years and was just been promoted to the position in the boarding school. The two other teachers are newly graduated, one from academy and one form the college normal department. I had rather supposed that we would not have any larger enrollment than last year because we have done no advertising, and I was not particularly anxious to have a large increase at the time of a change in management; but instead of 66 we have 77 with prospects of some others coming the second term. An interesting thing about the school this year is that we have a graduating class of 17; that is the largest they have ever had before. I think in many ways this simplifies the management of the school this year, because I can keep the older girls busy studying and them in English classes, and when I get them with me in a matter the younger girls do not have a little to say. I was somewhat disappointed last year, but not particularly surprised, to find that this school stood lowest of the 18 grade schools which took the uniform examinations given by the Association, but we are having to do much better this year; and certainly there is no comparison between the teachers and girls' work now and the way they worked at the same time last year. So I have a great deal of encouragement, tho many times it seems a hopeless task making them remember to do the things which they are supposed to do and not to do the things they are supposed not to do.

Last year we had six primary schools. This year before the year is over we will have nine. They were supposed to begin the first of September and five did, but for various very good reasons the others have opened one by one. The new school of the Drum Tower Church, which has been the center of our past work, cannot begin because the building has not been finished. Also, the house for the teacher had to be almost torn down and extra heavy rain melted the building into mud. It has been more of a task and brick and mortar sufficiently protected against the rain. It was a great disappointment, but now it is expected that a school house and interpreter are finished, the girl has enrolled, and we are having school. The school is not as big as it would be in, but it is great fun to hear the teacher tell what big things children can think of to do and what many within they have; and the poor lit-

tle things never had a chance to go to school before and they haven't had much teaching at home, so we mustn't expect too much of them.

Tunz Fan opened about two weeks late and is my prize school because, for all it is new and in a very small town, they now have 68 pupils, all girls, and a very enthusiastic teacher who is making a great hit. The teacher was in last week and was telling me about what a time she was teaching the children. She said that when she had them write Arabic numerals, they objected because they were "foreign", and they did not believe her when she told them their science lessons. They are almost entirely outside the church, most of them from families who have had almost no touch with the Church, so they do not see why they should not have school every day of the week. She does not dare not let them come on Sunday and so when they come she has Sunday-school and at church time she says, "Now I am going to church. You may just sit here and study your Bible lesson and be very, very quiet. That is, unless you want to go with me. Anybody who wants to may go with me to church." And so far everyone has elected church.

Of the other two schools which I hope to have, one would have begun the first of September except that cholera has been especially bad in that place and they have not opened yet. I hope they can begin within a week or so. The other is a place where we had not planned to have a school, but since school began they have become enthusiastic over having a school and I told them that we would help them with '30 if they did the rest,- just as we had in the case of other places where we have opened new schools. I didn't really expect them to do anything, and I am not sure that money is going to be very plentiful, but when they got so enthusiastic and did their part I had to keep my promise, and a week or so will find a new school started there. I hope that it won't be more than two or three weeks years until all these country places where we have churches will have schools as well, and it certainly looks as tho it wouldn't be any more than that before we could accomplish it.

All the American missionaries have been busy these days working on the Interchurch survey. My part in it was not very large, compared to that of the people who planned a work over larger territory, but it means that I should plan definitely what I hoped to do in the boarding school for the next 5 years, and not only in the boarding school but in the matter of primary schools; they really are not separate, because if we have more lower primary schools it means more pupils for the higher primary, but if we have more schools in the country that means that more girls can study at home, and less come to boarding school. I am glad that these plans had to be made now because I might not have been so prompt if I hadn't been having the pressure of some outside force, and certainly the boarding school, at least, has come to the place where it is ready for expansion. The way it has grown this year without any effort to get more pupils is a little indication of what is likely to happen when we try to get more. It means that within a year's time we must have some more buildings or limit the number of pupils to less than would naturally come. I have pretty nearly my plans that I want to do. Next year we need a building for the third and fourth grades which will leave our present recitation rooms free for the use of the higher primary, that is the 5th, 6th and 7th grades. Then we must have some more dormitories and I hope not only for dormitories to use several rooms for laundry and bathing purposes which are at present squeezed into very small space. Given that much added accomodations and with the necessary equipment, we need add only one

teacher to accomodate about twice as many girls. As for primary schools, my views are, the more the better, and the more children in each school the better, it helps for the [illegible], and certainly the more local places can do for their own schools' support, the better.

I have been to Peking a number of times lately, mostly to visit the dentist, so, altho there are a lot of new people out from America, I haven't seen any of them. Might as well be in the interior for all the good it does me to live near Peking. I am afraid they will make me feel like an old timer when I meet them.

This letter sounds like plain work, but I have been doing a good bit of that sort of thing lately.

Very sincerely yours,
Alice Margaret Huggins.

Dear Friends, —

I have you to thank, Mrs Everett, for a good letter received some time ago. It was awfully good to hear from you and to have the latest news about all the family. Dorothy and Mother mention you whenever they see you.

I'm putting in a letter I wrote in the spring about our new kindergarten, and also a print of the graduating class of the other kindergarten. I hope you can use these letters at C. I. or S. S. at least in part. Also I do wish you would delegate someone to write me a letter & [illegible] questions you would all like answered. It won't be long till Mabel will be there telling you all about China.

With lots of love to you all, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Alice Margaret Huggins

American Board Mission
Tunghsien, Chihli, China

March 27. 1919.

Would you have time, Miss Lawson, to go with me this afternoon to the opening of the kindergarten at the Green Tower church? Maybe some of the other secretaries would like to come, too, since it is such a fine day.

We will go down by the moat on the way into the city. This old gentleman we are meeting is my teacher. He has the proverbial classical teacher's air and walk; I suppose it must look strange to him to see us swinging along so fast. His greeting of, "Where are you going?" is partly curiosity, I shall have to confess, altho it is a polite greeting. And please do not think I am rude when I say, into the city," since to a Chinese that is where we are bound. Chinese etiquette does not require that we tell him the exact place.

We go past the church and over to just inside the South Gate, and there we will find some rickshaws. In good Chinese fashion, we dicker for the price and jew him down one penny, because we do not want to encourage the custom, and they all know that we always pay ten coppers to Mrs. Wang's. As we go along, on both sides of the road are the places where the soldiers drill, and they are all drilling, too. There is a band going too, goose step just as Germans would do.

Now, this place where they have the fair in one the rickshaw men always seem to like to go thru, even tho it is a much slower way, because we have to stop for the crowds so. I always want to say something, but there isn't anything that we could see very well. I wonder what that funny music is about.-I never heard anything so weird or otherwise. I suppose when we reach the crowd we will find out. Oh, the rickshaw man says it is a funeral. It certainly is elegant, and I wish we could see the costumes a little better. There seem to be a large number of priests.

Now we are past the main street and can move faster, altho these hutungs are very much in need of repair. This reminds me of one time in getting when we were walking along and remarked, "What nice wide hutungs!" and then suddenly laughed to think how we would have looked at them a year ago when we were fresh from America and its wide streets. The last time I came over to Mrs. Wang's was in one of the biggest snow storms we had last winter, when she invited Miss Smith and me over to eat cho-ro-pos. Then there was a goat tied in the corner of the room next the kang, and the rest of the room and another were filled with fodder and fuel.

But, here we are, and Mrs. Wang is greeting us. A number of people are already here. I do not remember their names, but they are all women that I have met before. This is Ch'ien Tai Tai that you may have heard about. She is certainly an enthusiastic church member. I suppose she was brought to that brilliant event-promotion of hers over to the kindergarten. Sure enough, there he is, sitting in one of the little chairs, waiting for the show to begin. Mrs. Wang says he has been there the other day since the rooms have been fixed up, always sitting in the little chairs. I wonder what thoughts are running through his little head as he looks forward to this wonderful kindergarten.

We will put up these bright-colored pictures that I have brought. This room with its clean, white walls and its little tables and chairs is truly a transformation from these two small rooms full of rubbish. We shall just wait a bit while we are waiting for more people to come. That structure they are putting up in the yard is a mat awning. They say that the other family in this court is to marry the son soon. Look at that funny chicken tied to an old shoe by a string; that is a good way to safeguard it from running away.

And just see that smiling little youngster. All dressed in red, walks out of that tiny little wooden door about as big as a dollie. Her little sister toddles around after her, letting him do whatever he wants to, in true Chinese fashion.

Oh, here comes the teacher, and she has brought with her her little four year old niece. My, what a bright, pretty child! All the women remark about her and ask who she is; and when they find that she is the niece of the "lao shih" they say, "How beautiful! How bright! Not to be wondered at." Here come three or four more women, bringing two children, a brother and sister. Don't they just want to make [illegible] her, "the little teacher", with her cane and her airs? Isn't it nice, the way all the other women give her the precedence?

What's the excitement now, it must be that the Hulen official's grandson has arrived. Here he comes, borne aloft by a big man servant. And there is his amah behind, carrying a thermos bottle. He is not such a wonderful looking little lad to have all this fuss, in spite of his good clothes and his cap with its big red ball on top. You know they say that one reason why they send him to kindergarten is in order to get him weaned. He is certainly old enough - four years old.

Now the teacher is going to write down their names. Some of them have names, but some still have their baby names and want the teacher to give them student names. This little girl's mother says she must ask her mother-in-law and tell the teacher to-morrow, if the name is all right. She cannot even name her own daughter.

Now at last the kindergarten is really opened and the children are playing with the peg-board. But their mothers and grandmothers cannot let them alone; it is quite a race to see which one can help her small relative get through first. I am afraid they are disappointed because they cannot see any anything remarkable in the amount of progress that their youngsters have made to-day. But at least they have something to look for to-morrow. It is strange that there are only eight children here to-day besides the teacher's little niece. They said they were going to have twenty. But it seems that to-morrow is a lucky day, and I suppose some of them are waiting until then to start. Anyway, I will trust Mrs. Sung to hunt up the children and Miss Chu to keep them after they come. She has eighteen in her other kindergarten now, and there is no reason why this one should not be just as big, if not bigger.

Miss Chu is giving the signal for the kindergartners to make their bow to her, and I suppose it is time to go. I do hope you are not sorry to have spent so much time.

Alice Margaret Huggins

Mr J. F. Zimmerman,
1520 College.
Topeka. Kansas.

Thursday.
Nov. 29-1922.

Dear Fred.

Haven't had anything from you since Monday. I was going to write to you yesterday, but Mrs Jones came down before I got through with my work after dinner, did the washing and it was such a pretty day I managed to have a good big one. Its cloudy to-day and is getting colder it feels like snow, but guess it won't do that.

Jim got in last night and is working here to-day. How did you like your blankets I sent you, you never did say a word about them. They say young Halls and Mrs Little are married that the woman he got in a fight about, I should think Mrs J. C. Halls would feel proud of her daughter-in-laws. The Paper says Mabel Glancy is to be married again, I dont know who he is. Mr & Mrs Hagge have a boy one

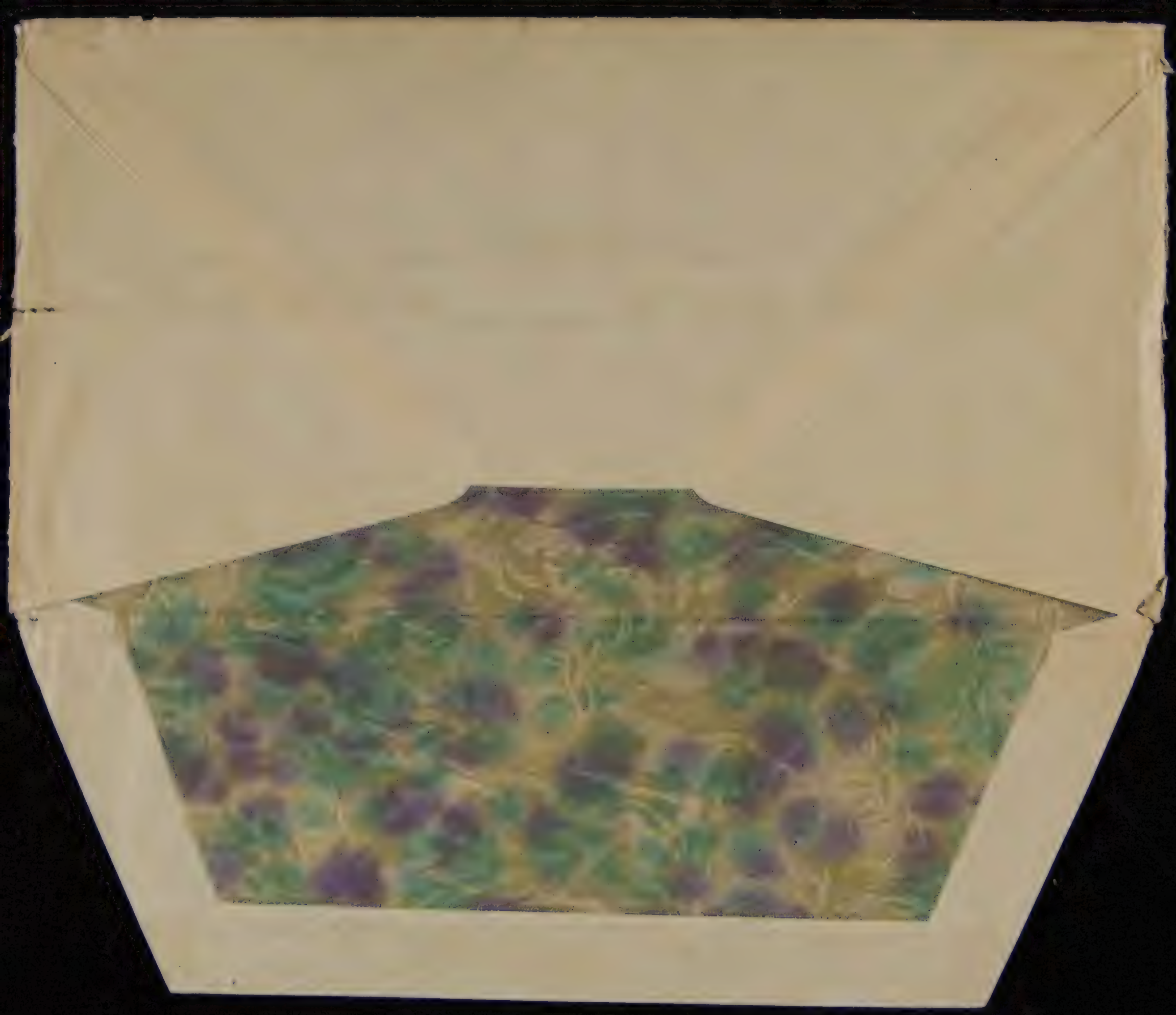
paper said a boy and the other a girl. its rather small only weighed 4 3/4 pounds. we are going to have chicken & dumplings for dinner, & pumpkin pie. I got weighed Monday, weigh 143 that's just what I weighed when I was at Hutchinson taking in the Fair so I am not gaining much you see. I was going to ~~in~~ ~~one~~ this morning, but as I've haven't touched

it. I haven't heard from Nannie Story for a long time, guess she is to busy to write.

Dinner is over with got your letter, asking for some money will send you a check don't think Dada got much money it will soon be the first of the month again Bruce is in school I think he is trying to do to much. must get to ironing. write soon. Love.

Mother.

Miss Mary Anne Everett,
Cannon Falls,
Minnesota



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J.R. POINTS, MANAGER

Past Master Cannon Falls, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Parry, a friend of mine residing at Llandudno, North Wales, is very anxious to locate relatives of his who some years ago was living at Cannon Falls. His name is Rev. John Edward Everett.

Do you know of any one of this name living in your city? If not you may have some old directory which will give his former residence or Church, from which I could get trace of him. Perhaps some of the old ministers of your town may have known of such a man.

Any information you can give us will be appreciated. Thanking you in advance, we are

Yours fraternally,

W. D. Cheal

Two Harbors, Minn.
June 12, 1924.

Dear Mary,

Don't you want to play a game of tennis? I haven't had a racket in my hand since I got home. We don't have four courts to use but just one and it usually isn't in very good shape. Everyone has the golf craze anyway I say "three cheers for tennis."

Well have you heard from the people to whom you wrote? Perhaps already you are a governess - such a title; but it sounds good anyway. I wish you could find something up here but don't know of anything open.

I didn't envy the maids in cleaning up our room after we left. There was trash of all shapes and sizes from a bottle of non spil to a trunk tray. The whole room was one mess. Eleanor managed to forget her curling iron and a few other

things but that didn't worry us. In St. Paul we both agreed to go on a little spree so we picked out a Chinese cafe the "Oriental" as an experiment. If you could have seen me eat you would have wondered how I ever walked out alive. The chow mein alone would have served nine people Gridley style. Well I did manage to get to the train O.K. and didn't feel any ill effects either.

It seems rather strange to be home again and not have any lessons or exams to think about. The town isn't very lively and aside from driving the car I haven't had much excitement. There is no one to play bridge with me so you see I am quite lost. I went to prayer meeting tonight and played ~~bridge~~ not bridge but the piano could you believe it of me?

Florence Watts has gone to Wheaton to see a few of her old college friends. She expects to come back on an ore boat from Gary, Indiana. I surely envy her and the good time she will have.

Now don't be surprized when you get this letter for it is only "my mistake" for writing so soon. (over).

I don't want Cal to monopolize
all your kisses and anyway you
wouldn't let me kiss you good bye
so here are a few - **********.

Just Jessie.